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Amery Explains Plans For India

Junkers Routed In Air Battles

TERRIFIC DOG-FIGHTS
OVER CHANNEL

R. A. F. Exploits In Germany And Occupied Areas

LONDON, August 8.
SIX enemy dive bombers and three enemy fighters were shot down during air battles over the channel this morning when a number of engagements occurred between British fighters and enemy aircraft. Two R. A. F. pilots are missing.

RAIDERS ROUTED AND PUT TO FLIGHT

A "Reuter" reporter who watched the R. A. F. score to-day's brilliant success telephoned that the raiders were routed and put to flight by Hurricanes which engaged them in a terrific dog-fight in and out of layers of cloud. After the raiders had been dispersed, the Hurricanes resumed their patrol.

The battling aircraft often swooped to within a few hundred feet of roof tops. For half an hour there were almost continuous exchanges of cannon and machinegun fire between Messerschmitts and Hurricanes. The noise sometimes was shattering.

This eye-witness saw no bombs being dropped. Anti-aircraft guns were silent. The gunners let the aircraft fight it out among themselves.

Hurricanes Fight Junkers

It is revealed at the Air Ministry that German air fleet attacking shipping on the Channel were taken on by twelve Hurricane pilots. They tackled a formation of fifty Junkers bombers protected by fighters.

The majority of the enemy fighters were Messerschmitts, but some of Germany's new Heinkel 113's were tried out for the first time since their irregular appearance during the battle of France. The Hurricane pilots shot down six Junkers divebombers 87's, three Messerschmitt 119 as well as damaging others. In doing so, they relieved the engagement fought by the same squadron over two months ago in defence of the retreating B.E.F.

Near Stomer, ten of them tackled 35 Junkers, shooting down six of the 87 type for certain and possibly three others and destroyed one of the escorting Messerschmitts. Other British fighters were on patrol to-day near the scene of action, but made no contact with the enemy.

6 Nazi Bombers And 3 Fighters Shot Down

The Air Ministry announces that during an attack on shipping in the channel this morning a number of engagements occurred between our fighters and enemy aircraft.

The Air Ministry 'communique' confirms that at least six enemy dive bombers and three enemy fighters were shot down during the Channel battles. Two R. A. F. pilots are missing.

Hero Of Channel Battle

A British fighter pilot, faced with a split-second decision to bale out from his blazing machine or not, was one of the heroes of to-day's channel air battles. His aircraft was hit by enemy fighter machinegun fire, caught alight and was soon in flames from stem to stern. Had the pilot baled out, the plane inevitably must have crashed into buildings in the centre of a south-east coast town.

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FRENCH DEBTS TO AMERICA

U. S. Plan To Appropriate Amount Due From "Frozen" Funds

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.
Mr. Morgenthau, at a press conference to-day, disclosed that the United States was considering the possibility of taking the world war debt payments out of the "frozen" French funds in the United States.

He added that before the French funds were released he wanted to see "what happens to American investments and debts over there."

ITS SILLY, BUT... Asked whether "freezing" regulations such as imposed on German occupied countries also applied to Germany, Mr. Morgenthau said:

"No. Any amount of money can be sent to Germany and there is nothing we can do about it. It is silly, but we are at peace with Germany."

ANGLO-AMERICAN TANK DESIGN

Mr. Morgenthau disclosed that British veterans of "Flanders Pocket" were helping to adapt the United States military tanks to modern war developments. He said that the British Brigadier General Pratt as the official go-between on the Anglo-American contract negotiations, had already made important contributions to the United States tank design.

Mr. Morgenthau explained that the British were trying to buy tanks in the United States, but as it was not feasible to build one type for the United States and another for Britain, the British authorities had decided to pool their experience in order to produce standardized types usable by both countries.—Reuter.

KHER TO MEET VICEROY

BOMBAY, Aug. 8.
The 'United Press' understands that in response to His Excellency the Viceroy's invitation Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, will meet His Excellency on August 14 at Bombay.—United Press.

I.C.S. Propose Voluntary Cut

SIMLA, Aug. 8.
The "United Press" learns that there is a move among the members of the Indian Civil Service to ask for a voluntary cut in their salaries as a war measure and as a token of their contribution to the war funds.

It is understood that a meeting of the Indian Civil Service officers belonging to the Punjab cadre now in Simla was held yesterday to consider the question. It is not known what decision has been arrived at, but it is likely that an offer for a voluntary cut in the pay will be made to the authorities at an early date.—United Press.

VICEROY'S OFFER

REACTIONS

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JAWAHARLAL TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER RALLY

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 8.
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has written to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President and some other members of the Congress Working Committee on the subject of Government's ban on volunteers.

It is surmised that if the Working Committee is not able to meet earlier, the Congress President, after consultation, might issue directions in the matter. Unless Government makes a frontal attack on the Congress Volunteers Organisation by specifically banning its rally, uniform etc., these volunteers should continue to function as usual. A delicate position appears to have arisen by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's decision to attend the Congress Volunteers Camp at Cawnpore on Sunday next.

In all probability, Pandit Nehru will visit the camp and attend the volunteers' parade in Congress Volunteer's dress, even if he does not start right from Allahabad in that dress. The question that arises is whether shorts and shirts worn by Congress Volunteers fall within the purview of Government's orders. Pandit Nehru can be arrested for wearing them on his way to Cawnpore or on reaching there.

CONGRESS CABINET MOVES?

The position will no doubt be intriguing if he participates in the Volunteers' parade at Cawnpore which he may.

Those who came in touch with Pandit Nehru recently seem to have gathered the impression that he holds strong views on the subject. It is understood the Working Committee Members are exchanging informal views on the question and the Working Committee might meet earlier to issue instructions in the matter.

It is probably on this reasoning or ground that Pandit Nehru is going to attend the Volunteers Rally at Cawnpore on Sunday. The general impression is that Government will stay their hands until the Working Committee's decision is known. But as one Congress leader remarked they might strike a blow even at Cawnpore if they have decided to smash the Congress.

SLOVAKIAN ARRESTS

BERLIN, August 8.
The police have made a number of arrests including many Jews following the discovery of an illegal "Anti-Slovakian Propaganda Centre" in a Slovakian town, reports the official German New Agency from Bratislava.—Reuter.

ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA

Sarkar's House Searched
And Several Books Seized

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.
About half a dozen Congress and Labour workers in the city were arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules, following searches of their residences.—A.P.

8 Months R. I. For Student

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.
Mani Bhutan Chaudhury, a member of the All-India Students' Council, was sentenced under the Defence of India Rules to 8 months' rigorous imprisonment for communicating to others information likely to assist the enemy and for delivering an objectionable speech at a public meeting.—United Press.

Several Books Seized

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.
The house of Mr. Mukundlal Sarkar, Secretary of the All-India Forward Bloc office, who was arrested yesterday, was searched by the police to-day and several books are reported to have been seized.—United Press.

SEARCH FOR "OBJECTIONABLE LITERATURE"

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.
The Special Branch of the Calcutta Police searched a printing press in North Calcutta and the office of the District Congress Committee at Muchipara this morning and are reported to have seized some objectionable literature. They also took three youngmen to the Special Branch Police Office for examination.—United Press.

LAHORE LABOUR LEADER ARRESTED

LAHORE, Aug. 8.
Rameshwar Dass, Treasurer of the Lahore Electric Supply Workers Union, has been arrested under the Defence of India Act.—A.P.

Stage Set For Bulgaro- Rumanian Talks

BUCHAREST, Aug. 3.

The negotiations with regard to Bulgaria's territorial claims against Rumania are expected to begin at Craiova in the next two days.

The Bulgarian delegates headed by M. Popoff, Foreign Minister, have arrived in Bucharest this morning and took luncheon with M. Gigurtu, the Rumanian Prime Minister.

Rumania will be represented in the negotiations by M. Manolescu, Foreign Minister and Rumanian Ministers at Sofia and Belgrade.

It is understood that preliminary discussions with Hungary which M. Bossy has been conducting in Budapest are finished. M. Bossy is expected back in Bucharest to-night.

Hungary's Claim

According to a Bucharest telegram to the Official German News Agency the Rumanian Government, through M. Bossy, has officially invited Hungary to enter into negotiations on matters in dispute between the two countries. The despatch adds that the negotiations are to take place at a later date between representatives of the two countries.

DRIVE AGAINST JEWS

Severe restrictions on Jews are incorporated in a legislation.

Good Reception To Viceroy's Statement

But Amery Says Whitehall Is
Seriously Concerned With
Situation In India

LONDON, August 8.
A feature of the business in the House of Commons this afternoon was the reading by Mr. L. A. Amery of His Excellency the Viceroy's statement. The statement was well received among all parties.

Mr. Amery said: "I am sure that the Viceroy's statement will be well received among all parties."

WHITEHALL'S CONCERN

Mr. Sorensen asked whether Mr. L. S. Amery considered the recent statement of Gandhiji respecting the political developments in India and whether he had any further statement to make on the present position.

Mr. Amery replied: "If Mr. Sorensen was referring to the recent article of Gandhiji in the 'Harijan', I regret that the reply of mine to the supplementary question on July 25 has left room to an interpretation which certainly was not intended."

His Majesty's Government are seriously concerned with the situation in India and are anxious to bring about co-operation among all parties which I think will be clear from the statement I shall make at the end of questions.

SIGNIFICANCE OF VICEROY'S STATEMENT

The statement to which Mr. Amery referred to was the Viceroy's pronouncement. When Mr. Amery sat down, Mr. Sorensen asked "in view of the very great importance and significance of the statement, may I ask whether he first communicated with the principal parties in India and will he arrange for an early discussion in this House?"

Mr. Amery said: "Mr. Sorensen will see that the Viceroy himself

said that he had been in touch with leaders of political opinion in India and I understand that the Viceroy is also in close touch with them now."

Sir Alfred Knox asked whether the Post-War Conference would comprise every class and race and European interests.

Mr. Amery said: "If Sir Alfred Knox looks at the text he will see that the wording is 'a body representative of the principal elements in India's national life.'"

ON CLOSING OF BURMA ROAD

Mr. Gallacher asked whether Mr. Amery was aware that the closing of the Burma Road had a very disastrous effect on feeding in India.

Sir Stanley Reed asked whether they would have an opportunity of knowing who would be appointed as additional members of the Viceroy's Executive Council and secondly "if for reasons which we can appreciate, a general discussion on the matter is postponed, when shall we have information as to the relations between the Consultative Committee of the Government of India as represented by the Governor General and his Executive Council?"

Personnel Of Viceroy's Executive Council

Mr. Amery replied: "The actual personnel of the Executive Council will naturally be a matter of consultation in the next few days between the Governor-General and representatives of leading parties. The relation of the Executive Council to the War Advisory Council is as follows:—The Executive Council is the Governor-General's Executive Council for carrying on the Government in British India. The War Advisory Council is an All-India Council in which not only representatives of States but of all interests who can help forward the war effort will be brought in."

Lords Debate Next Week

In the House of Lords Lord Devonshire read a summary of the Viceroy's statement after which Lord Crewe said: "In view of the fact that Lord Strabolgi has a motion for discussion of Indian affairs on paper for next Wednesday, I think that the House would wish to defer discussion until then."—Reuter.

WASHINGTON DENIES REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.
Reports published here that America's patrol of Greenland coast is being intensified in order to prevent any attempts by Germany to establish air bases are denied by naval authorities and the Coastguard Department in Washington. It is stated there is no protective patrol. United States vessels are merely carrying out ice patrol to enable shipping to be warned of the position of ice in summer months and taking supplies to the new United States Consulate.—Reuter.

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BATLIBOI & PUROHIT,
Registered Accountants.
Maneckjee Wadia Building,
125, Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Fort, Bombay.
9th August, 1940. (3126)

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Municipal Office, Ahmedabad.
Dated 5th August, 1940. (3124)

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Sniping Continues In Waziristan: Faquir's Whereabouts Not Known

SIMLA, Aug. 8.
Incidents in North Waziristan continue and there has been further sniping of road protection troops.

On July 29, a mail lorry from Bannu to Razmak was held up near Razmak. The bedrigger (tribal escort) prevented the hostiles from taking the mail. Shortly after, the same gang held up a tribal lorry and looted the contents.

The exact whereabouts of the Faquir of Ipi are uncertain but he is believed to be contemplating a visit to the Shawal area in North Waziristan.

In the Afridi Tirah, Mullah Ilyas of Butan, speaking at a regular weekly gathering at Bagh exhorted his audience to sympathise and co-operate with British Government, explaining that unlike Russia and Italy that Government have never interfered with religion or customs.—A. P.

SIR A. R. DALAL

Appointed Liaison Officer In India To Ministry Of Supply

SIMLA, Aug. 8.
Sir Ardeshir Rustomji Dalal of the Tata Iron and Steel Company, Ltd., has been appointed Liaison Officer in India for the Ministry of Supply (Iron and Steel Control) in place of Mr. J. C. Mahindra.

As already announced, the Liaison Officer will be responsible for keeping the Department of Supply posted with all information received from or passed to the Ministry of Supply that impinges on the utilisation of India's capacity for iron and steel.—A. P.

Air Mail Service To Be Doubled

The British Overseas Airways Corporation expect before the end of August to be operating a bi-weekly service in each direction between Sydney and Durban. Aircraft are already being positioned. The frequency of the flying boat services connecting Australia and Durban to India will therefore be doubled much to the benefit of this country.

Passengers, mail and freight will be carried on both services.

His Excellency and Lady Hall-lett visited Harijan Ashram and laid the foundation stone of the vocational school on August 7.

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Corporation Demands Extension Of Life By One Year

Jamnadas Mehta's Resolution In Favour Of Local Option Thrown Out

The Municipal Corporation on Thursday threw out the resolution of Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta to ascertain public opinion on the local option. The Corporation approved of the proposition to request the Government to extend the life of the Municipal Corporation by one year.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta moved: That in view of the large demand for prohibition on the part of the public, the Commissioner may be requested to report whether it is feasible to adopt the method of Local Option with a view to the enforcement of prohibition in the Municipal Limits of Bombay and, if so, to estimate the cost of ascertaining public opinion by the method of Local Option.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta said many people were disappointed at the prohibition was abolished and the surest way of ascertaining the wishes of the people was by sounding their opinion on local option. Local option was tried in England and particularly in Scotland and was found to be democratic of the constitutional as considered from economic and social point of view.

Mr. M. V. Dande seconded the proposition. Mr. N. C. Bhargava, Prof. S. R. Davar and Mr. E. R. Hirjibehdin opposed the proposition. Mr. Jamnadas Dwarakdas said local option was unnecessary and superfluous as the majority of the people were already in favour of prohibition.

The proposition was thrown out. **EXTENSION OF CORPORATION'S LIFE BY ONE YEAR.**

Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia then moved to request His Worship the Mayor to request the Government to extend the life of the Corporation by one year, that is, up to March 1943.

The Municipal Commissioner in his report on this subject stated that the necessary number of wards and the distribution of seats among these wards cannot be made satisfactorily until the figures of population of the forthcoming Census are known. It will not be possible to undertake the work of preparing the Election Rolls for next year. Legislation will also be required for amending several provisions of the Act as proposed by me before the elections of 1942 can be held. I therefore suggest that Government may be approached with a request to extend the life of the Corporation for one year, i.e., (4 years).

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At this stage closure was moved and the resolution was put to vote and carried.

At an earlier stage the House elected Mr. S. K. Patil to represent the Municipal Corporation on the Bombay Port Trust in place of Mr. Meyer Nissim resigned.

The House then adjourned till Monday at 2.30 p.m.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER
(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia and a Special Jury.)
King-Emperor.

Desi Jagtu Accused.
On 23rd January at about 10 o'clock morning, the Kalachowki police received information that one Hari Tapaswari was stabbed in Tokeri Jivraj Wadi at the police station. The accused was arrested and taken to the K. E. M. Hospital where the deceased was and the deceased made a statement to the effect that he was stabbed by the accused. The deceased was also alleged to have made statements to four other witnesses before the Court to the effect that he was stabbed by the accused and one other person who was absconding. On inquiry the police learnt that three days before the incident, the deceased, who was a "mukadam" in the Tokeri Jivraj Quarry, scolded and slapped the accused for urinating where women workers were working. One of the witnesses before the Court deposed that the accused threatened the deceased and said that he would see to it.

The accused pleaded not guilty. In summing-up the case, his lordship pointed out to the gentlemen of the jury that the evidence in the case was circumstantial, and that though the deceased made a definite statement implicating the accused the jury had to be satisfied that the deceased could not have made any mistake as to the identity of the culprit. The jury returned a unanimous verdict finding that the accused was not guilty. The accused thereupon ordered the accused to be acquitted and discharged. The Advocate-General, Mr. M. S. Setalvad, with Mr. Vinayak G. Mohile instructed by the public prosecutor Mr. N. K. Petigara, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. M. Vakeel defended the accused.

COPY OF BOSE'S SPEECH SEIZED
PATNA, August 7.
The police conducted a search in the Provincial Forward Bloc office this evening when certain leaflets including a copy of the address of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose at the Nagpur Conference of the All-India Forward Bloc were seized.—A. P.

Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Exam.

The Secretary, Hindi Prachar Sabha, Bombay, writes:
The Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Examinations of the Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Varanasi, will be held on Saturday and Sunday (August 10 and 11) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following centres:—
(a) Fort and Girgaon: The Secondary Teachers' Training College and Elphinstone High School, Dhobi Talao.
(b) Dadar: The Ram Narain Rula College, Matangola, G. I. P.
(c) Suburbs: The Anandilal Potdar High School, Santa Cruz.

The detailed programme and the admission cards can be had from the office of the Hindi Prachar Sabha, Adenwala Mansions, near Wilson College, Chowpatty, between 5 and 6.30 p.m. or through the various Prachar Classes.

Tragedy Of Jobless
BOMBAY, Friday.
Digambar Shankar Patkar (34) who had no regular employment for the last few days deliberately, it is understood, threw himself in front of a train which was entering Reay Road Station yesterday.

A letter in Marathi was found in the pocket of the deceased in which he wrote that he is committing suicide and no body should be held responsible for his death.

War Effort At Calcutta
CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.
A further sum of 13,000 sterling has been sent to the Air Ministry, London by the East India Fund for British War services the total remittance made by the fund thus being 88,000 sterling up-to-date. The fund committee expect to send another remittance of 75,000 sterling or more in the near future.

The Saturday Club, Calcutta at an extraordinary general meeting last night decided to donate a sum of Rs. 50,000 to the Fund.—A. P.

A.R.P. CIVIL DEFENCE COURSE.
Under the auspices of the Safety First Association of India, a 4-day A.R.P. Intensive Course in Civil Defence will be held in the air-conditioned Conference Room at Electric House, Fort, Bombay, from August 19 to 22, from 10-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The course will consist of about twelve lectures and demonstrations. A written examination will be held at the end of the course and certificates will be given to successful candidates. Applications for admission, accompanied by a payment of Rs. 3 to cover cost of A.R.P. literature and certificate, must reach the Hon. General Secretary, Safety First Association, Electric House, Bombay, on or before Friday, the 9th inst.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Further Improvement In Active Shares

Romby: August 8.
The local Share Bazar again ruled very steady and there was further improvement in active shares. The rise was not impressive, but absence of sellers imparted better tone.
The Wall Street market was fairly steady under the leadership of Steel shares.
In the local market squaring off the forward outstanding business in September will be allowed from the 12th inst. as the prime.
The market was narrow and prices do not show any important change. The tone of the market was steady and operators are inclin-

Cotton Mill shares found restricted business and Bombay Dyeing shares improved Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 907/8. Century shares were firm and scored a rise of Rs. 6 at Rs. 262.

Banks shares were steady and Barodas came in business at Rs. 165/4. Centra^l were unchanged at Rs. 35/8 and Reserve Bank shares closed at Rs. 101/8 Insurance shares were steady with a selective buying.

cent declined and closed at Rs. 113/8. Hydro
 shares were quietly steady. Andhra
 closed at Rs. 1520 but Hydro were steady
 at Rs. 163/8.

Railway Section was quiet with slightly in-
 creased offerings in Ahmedabad, Prantl,
 which lost Rs. 5 at Rs. 1022/8 and Central
 Provinces gained one point at Rs. 101.

Tata Steel Deft shares gained Rs. 7/8 at
 Rs. 1277/4 and Ordinary shares improved to
 Rs. 344/8. Steel Preference shares declined
 to Rs. 145/12. Scindia shares hardened to Rs.
 197/1.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, August 8.

100 Ahmedabad Advance	265 0
250 Bombay Dyeing	267 8
100 Centry	262 0
100 India	253 0
100 Colaba	131 0
100 Coorin	33 12
250 David	345 0
1 E D Sassoon Def.	
100	6 3
100 Gokhale	120 0

100	Indore	.....	1920	0
100	Khataul	.....	37	0
100	Kohinoor	.....	120	0
250	Laxmi		344	0
100	Morarii		482	8
50	Model		175	0
50	Mysore		60	0
200	New Great		102	0
200		..	314	0

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TRADING HOURS IN SHARE BAZAR

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The local Stock Exchange will be open for
one hour only on the 9th inst.

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100	Oosmanshahi		55	8
100	Phoenix		263	0
25	Sassoon Silk		75	0
1000	Sholapur		2450	0
100	Swadeshi	.....	220	0
100	Swan	.....	147	0
500	Vishnu	.....	1137	8
1000	Western	.....	880	0

BANKS			
50-100 Baroda	.....	105	4
250 Central	.....	35	8
500 Imperial	.....	1477	8
125-500 Imp. Contrys.	.....	362	8
50-100 India	.....	135	8
100 Reserve Bank	.....	161	8
	.....	5	8
CEMENTS			
100 Associated	.....	113	8

INSURANCE		
100 Empire	.....	610 0
15-100 Jupiter	.....	11 4
20 Mercantile	.....	54 0
15-75 New India	.....	37 0
200 Oriental	...	3365 0
10-50 Vulcan	.....	6 12
ELECTRIC		
100 Ahmed Old	.....	160 0
1000 Ahmed Old	.....	160 0

1000 Andhra Valley	...	1520	0
10 Ajmer	.....	10	10
50 Bombay Tram	.....	125	8
100 Bombay Suburban	.....	164	6
10 Broach	.....	12	0
100 Karachi	.....	195	0
100 Poona	.....	107	8
100 Surat	.....	158	12
100 Tata Hydro	.....	163	8
1000 Tata Power	.....	1312	8

RAILWAYS			
500	Ahmedabad Frantij	.....	1022 3
100	C. Provinces	...	101 0
100	Dhond Baramati	.....	98 0
100	Gujarat	.....	96 0
100	Mandra Bhon	.....	95 0
100	Pachora Janner	.....	94 0
100	Surat	.....	138 0
500	Tapti Valley	.....	760 0

MININGS		
9	Burma Corporation	5 1
2sh.	Indian Copper	2 1
10	Indian Iron and Steel	25 2
10	Shivrajpur	83 42
30	Tata Steel Def.	797 0
75	Tata Steel Ord.	345 8
MISCELLANEOUS		
100	Alcock	437 0
10	Air Services	5 4

50	Belapur Sugar	.....	200	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	.....	602	0
250	Bombay Steam	....	255	0
125	B. Burma	.....	530	0
50	B. Burma Cont.	.....	177	3
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	.....	3	11
50	Bombay Telephone	.....	85	4
100	Ind Bleaching	.....	101	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	....	44	8
			460	

100	Ind. Hand Car.	.....	350	0
100	Indian Radio Ord.	.....	362	8
100	Port Canning	...	78	0
30	Premier Con.	.....	77	12
15	Scindia	.....	10	1
25	Tata Oil Mill	.....	40	0
100	Western I Match	.....	139	0
PREFERENCE				
7 p.c.	Andhra Valley	...	1480	0
6 p.c.	Bombay Steam	.....	277	8

7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	...	77	0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	...	580	0
6 1/2	p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	.....	115	0
6 1/4	p.c. Prem Const. 2nd	.....	107	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	.....	155	0
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power	.....	1528	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	...	267	8
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	.....	146	12
7	p.c. Vishnu	.....	675	0

DEBENTURES			
3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	.....	102 4
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	.....	102 0
6	p.c. Bombay Telephone	.....	50 4
6	per cent Tata Hydro	.....	102 4
7	p.c. Sholapur	.....	72 8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES

London : August 7.

Barley 110 1/2 2.54 1/2

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	.....	£ 7 1/2
Indian Stocks—		
3 per cent 1948	.....	£ 7 7/8
3 1/2 per cent 1951 or later	.....	£ 9 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	.....	£ 107
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	.....	£ 73 1/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	.....	£ 100 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	.....	£ 90 5/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	.....	£ 111
Victory Bonds	.....	£ 110 1/8

Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China	£ 6 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Lon- don Register	£ 6 63
National Bank of India	£ 25 3/4

LONDON SEEDS

London: August 7.

Rozario Santa Fe not quoted

Barletta Russo not quoted
South Australian 26/9 Aug/Sept quoted

NEW YORK COTTON NINE POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK
COTTON PRICES
OCTOBER 1940

Previous closing	New York, Aug 8	9.32
To-day's opening		9.40
Difference		+0.08
To-day's closing		9.41
Difference		+0.09

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach July/August	Rs. 179
Broach April/May	Rs. 196

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Previous closing	Liverpool, Aug 8	7.27
To-day's opening		7.25
Difference		-0.02
To-day's closing		7.23
Difference		-0.04

NEW YORK COTTON

The New York cotton was moderately active with traders anxiously awaiting the release of Bureau Report but later some pressure developed causing partial reaction. The trading in October began at 9.40 i.e. eight points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on trade and local buying with pre-bureau covering under which October improved to 9.46 but later some liquidation and hedging appeared causing the price to fall to 9.45.

The following were opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—
October (9.34/34) 9.40/40
December (9.33/33) 9.30/29
March (9.34/34) 9.30/29

LONDON COMMODITIES

Castor seeds Aug/Sept	(£17 3/4) £17 7/4
Linseed Bombay Calcutta Aug/Sept	(£16 8/8) £16 5/8
Linseed La Plata Aug/Sept (Unquoted)	P. 20
Groundnuts Coromandel Aug/Sept	(£15 5/10) £15 4/8

JUTES

Dundee August	(£33) £32 1/2
Lighthouse August	(£32) £29 1/2

RUBBER

Spot (13 1/8 buyers)	13 1/16 paid and buyers
Forward October December	(12 13/16 paid and value) 12 3/4 paid and value

METALS

Tin	(£266 1/2 buyers; £266 3/4 sellers)
Electric Copper	(£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash	(£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3	(£23 sh.) 123 sh.

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EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Aug 8

Previous closing	3.94 1/2
To-day's opening	3.94
Difference	-0.005
To-day's closing	3.93 1/2
Difference	-0.01

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Aug 8

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Difference	0
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Difference	0

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London, Aug 8

Previous closing	100
To-day's opening	100
Difference	0
To-day's closing	100
Difference	0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, Aug 8

The following are the opening quotes
General Motors (dol 45 3/8) dol 45 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (unquoted) dol 19 5/8
U. S. Steel Common (dol 52 1/4) dol 52 5/8
U. S. Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

LONDON SILVER CABLE
London, Aug 8

The following cable was received from London:—
Support in cash due to bear covering. Speculators sold in forward. Market very quiet.

LONDON SILVER
London, Aug 8

Spot (23 1/24) 23 1/24 nil
Forward (22 15/16) 22 15/16 -1/8

LONDON GOLD
London, Aug 8

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£88.0) £88.0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Aug 8

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.0250 to 4.0350 which is officially fixed rate.

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1:6) 1:6
Paris on Bombay (unquoted) unquoted
New York on Bombay (20:32) 20:32
New York on Milan (unquoted) unquoted
London on Shanghai (0:3 1/2 to 0:4) 0:3 1/2 to 0:4
London on Kobe (1:2 1/4 to 1:2 3/4) 1:2 1/4 to 1:2 3/4

DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent
1 year (1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay, Aug 8

There was no trading during the night.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE
Calcutta, Aug 8

Poor Support For Jutes
Business continued rather on a limited scale all round. Coals and Teas were a bit steadier while Jutes received very poor support. In miscellaneous section, Industrials, Papers and Electrical issues were in fair request. Government securities steadied up further.

The following were the closing quotations:—
Government securities: 3 1/2 per cent Government paper 90/8; 4 per cent loan 1980/70; 104/10 small lots; 5 per cent loan 1945/50 110/; 4 small lots; 4 per cent Punjab bonds 1948 103/8; 3 per cent Punjab bonds 1952 93/12.
Banks: Allahabad Bank pref 147 et; Reserve 99/8 ex div.
Cotton: New Victoria 4/2.
Coals: Bhaigora 4/5; Churulia 1/10; Kuar 2/4 et.
Jutes: Bally pref 137; Fort Gloster pref 154; National 19/12.
Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 5; Consolidated Tin 2/14; Indian Copper 2; Dalmia Cement ord 8/2 small lot; Alkali and Chem.

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3 1/2 P.C. STERLING LOAN
London, Aug 8

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed unchanged at £91 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Aug 8

The London Stock Exchange was mainly easier.

INDIAN LOANS
London, Aug 8

3 per cent Indian Stocks (1936) £96
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1950/55 (£107) £107
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stocks 1958/68 (£109) £109
4 per cent Indian Stocks 1948/53 (£104) £104
5 per cent Indian Stocks 1942/47 (£103 3/4) £103 3/4
5 per cent Indian Stocks 1954/58 (£100) £100

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London, Aug 8

5 per cent 1958/68 (£102) £102
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2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 5/8) £98 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£111) £110 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£99 5/8) £99 3/8
New War Loan (£100 1/2) £100 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 1/8) £110 1/8

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors (10:3) 10:3
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (32:10 1/2) 32:10 1/2
Hydro Electric (No dealings) No dealings
Electric Music Industry (6:0) 6:0
Prichin Johnson (15:0) 15:0
Imperial Chemicals (24:7 1/2) 24:7 1/2
Woolworth New Ordinary (54:0) 54:0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1339
(£38 1/2) £38 1/2
Dundee Rubber (27:0) 26:9
Unilever Ordinary (18:4) 18:9
Ford Motors (15:3) 15:3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (42:0) 42:0
British American Tobacco Ordinary (72:6) 72:10 1/2
Carreiras 'A' (£4) £4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (57:6) 58:10 1/2
P and O Def (16:4 1/2) 16:4 1/2
Distillers (55:3) 55:0
Brenford Dye (3:7 1/2) 3:1 1/2
British Celanese (40:0) 37 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (26:9) 26:9
Courtauld Ordinary (26:10 1/2) 26:6
Fine Cotton Spinners (21:0 1/2) 21:0 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (12:9) 12:9
Inter Nickel Ordinary (No dealings) No dealings

Indian Iron (38:9) 38:9
TEA SHARES
Assam (14:4) 14:2 1/2
Donoro Tea (26:3) 26:3
Empire of India (17:6) 17:6
Barnagore (28:0) 28:0
RUBBER SHARES
Anglo Dutch Rubber (15:6) 15:6
Gutta Kelampung (13:9) 13:9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (24:3) 24:0
MINING SHARES
Nandynag (22:6) 22:6
Burma Corporation (7:3) 7:3
Rio Tinto (25:0) 25:0
East Rand Properties (33:1 1/2) 32:6
Rand Mines (25:0) 25:0
NINE SHARES
Crown (£12 1/8) £12 1/8
Associated Portland Cement (52:6) 52:6
Trinidad Leasehold (62:6) 62:6
Sgb Nigel (£7 5/8) £7 1/2
Spring Mines Split Share (17:6) 18:1 1/2
Union Corporation (25:5/8) 25:5/8
OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian (21:0 1/2) 21:0 1/2
Anglo India (28:1 1/2) 28:1 1/2
Burma Oil (43:1 1/2) 43:0 1/2
Mexican Eagle (3:7 1/2) 3:7 1/2
Shell Transport (32:6) 32:6
Royal Dutch (No dealings) No dealings
RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary (£27 3/4) £27
London Midland Ordinary (£11 1/2) £10 1/4
London North Eastern Def (£21 1/2) £21 1/2
London Southern Def (£9 3/4) £10
London Transport 5 per cent (£114) £114
London Transport 'C' (£29 1/2) £29 1/2

miscel pref 131 small lot et; Jubulpore Electric 15; Upper Ganges Elec 10/10; Hukamchand Steel only 7/4; do defd 1/10; Indian Iron and Steel 26/4; Kumardhahi Eng ordy 3/9; Steel Corporation ord 15; do pref 10/12; B I Corps only 3/15; Dunlop Rubber (second pref) 107; Ganges Rope 205; Tishgar Paper pref ordy 4/11; do ordy 14/10; Midnapore Zemindary 69; Buland 12/12 et; Baza 12/10 small lots.
Tea: Bishnauth 21/4; Takvar 9/12.
Debentures: 4 1/4 per cent 1936-41-46 Tishgar Paper Mills debts 102 lot.—A. P.

Viceroy's Statement Disappoints Country BUT LIBERALS PLUMP FOR CO-OPERATION Congress & League Presidents Summon Executives

"Most disappointing—flat denial of National demand—widening the gulf between the Congress and British Govt." These are the comments made by some Congress leaders and the Nationalist Press on the Viceroy's statement on British Govt's offer.

The presidents of the Congress and the League however preferred to be reticent, leaving decision to their Working Committees which will be meeting in the course of a fortnight.

LIBERALS LINE UP!

Muslim League leaders of Madras and the Punjab, the Liberal leaders who have expressed their opinions so far and one Harijan leader, (Mr. M. C. Rajah) welcomed the pronouncement.

"FLAT DENIAL OF CONGRESS DEMAND"

Co-operation With Govt.
Out Of Question, Says
Shankarrao Deo

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Aug. 8.

In political circles here the Viceroy's statement is viewed as totally unsatisfactory.

Sgt. Shankarrao Deo, Member, Congress Working Committee characterised it as flat denial of the Congress demand, containing nothing new or unexpected except change of words and addition of unimportant details. Co-operation between the Congress and the Government seemed out of question as long as Government continued its policy of banking on India's weakness originating out of internal dissensions. He was further of the opinion that now that Government had given their final verdict the path before Congress was clear which meant that the country would soon have to take the next step.

"DIRECT INSTIGATION TO MINORITIES"

POONA, August 8.

Addressing a public meeting in the Congress House this evening, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, M.L.A. (Central) and President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee said that a more complete denial of Self-Determination could not possibly be imagined than contained in the Viceroy's statement. It was obviously an attempt to continue and consolidate not only the British political dominance over India but also to perpetuate the economic hold of British capitalists in India. It contained a direct instigation to the minorities to oppose India's demand for freedom.—A. P.

JAWAHARLAL RETICENT

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 8.

Pressmen who waited at Anand Bhawan were disappointed when Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru sent word through his secretary that he did not like to make any statement on the Viceroy's announcement. The Secretary told the pressmen that Pandit Nehru was very busy at the time when pressmen waited on him.

DON'T PRECIPITATE CLASH

M. N. Roy's Advice To Congress

NAGPUR, Aug. 8.

Mr. R. S. Rulkar, President of the local 'Forward Bloc', in a statement says that the British statesmanship has once more failed to rise to the occasion. The Viceroy's announcement is not likely to satisfy India. The formation of a united front is the only reply which the Congress can give.—United Press.

"SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSION TO INDIAN OPINION"

LAHORE, Aug. 8.

"Shorn of superfluous diplomatic verbiage, the Viceroy's declaration contains a substantial concession to Indian opinion. This view was expressed by Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab in the course of an interview to the 'Associated Press.' Sir Sikander Hyat said: 'I hastily glanced through the state-

ment to-day and I think it would be premature for any individual to make a categorical statement regarding the issues dealt with in His Excellency the Viceroy's declaration. It, however, appears to me that shorn of superfluous diplomatic verbiage, the declaration contains a substantial concession to Indian opinion. The final decision will, of course, be taken by the Working Committees of the Congress and the Muslim League."

Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, who arrived here this evening, is expected to leave for Simla to-morrow.—A. P.

Most Disappointing

KARACHI, Aug. 8.

That His Excellency the Viceroy's statement is most disappointing is the opinion expressed by Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanjee Mehta in the course of a press statement.

Pundi Reservoir Scheme Inaugurated

MADRAS, August 8.

"In war times, schemes of development and others of ameliorative nature were generally postponed to better times, but schemes such as the one they were inaugurating to-day could not be put off observed H. E. the Governor inaugurating the Pundi Reservoir Scheme launched by the Corporation of Madras at Pundi at a cost of Rs. 61.71 lakhs for a satisfactory water supply to the presidency town.—A. P.

"Accept Proposals For Time Being"

KARACHI, August 8.

Expressing his personal views on the Viceroy's statement, Sir Abdulla Haroon said in an interview that though His Excellency's declaration does not satisfy Muslim demands to a full extent, considering the present situation, it is advisable that the proposals should be accepted for the time being and to help Britain in the successful prosecution of the war. He hoped that the Viceroy would place full confidence in the political organisation of the country that would assist the Government in the war.—A. P.

Sivaswami Iyer Welcomes It

BANGALORE, Aug. 8.

"I welcome the statement issued by His Excellency the Viceroy regarding the attitude of the British Government to the constitutional changes to be made in India" observed Sir P. S. Sivaswami Iyer, interviewed by the Associated Press.

Triumph For Muslim League

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VICTORY FOR JINNAH

Malik Barkat Ali On Viceroy's Statement

LAHORE, Aug. 8.

Characterising the Viceroy's statement as a "most powerful and striking vindication of the stand taken by Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League", Malik Barkat Ali, M.L.A. and member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League says that it deserves the most serious and earnest attention of all patriotic Indians.

Malik Barkat Ali particularly welcomes the statement that His Majesty's Government cannot "be parties to the coercion of large and powerful elements in India's National Life" into submission to any system of Government whose authority is directly denied by these elements, and that therefore "they could not contemplate the transfer of their present responsibilities for the peace and welfare of India" to any such Government.—A. P.

Triumph For Muslim League

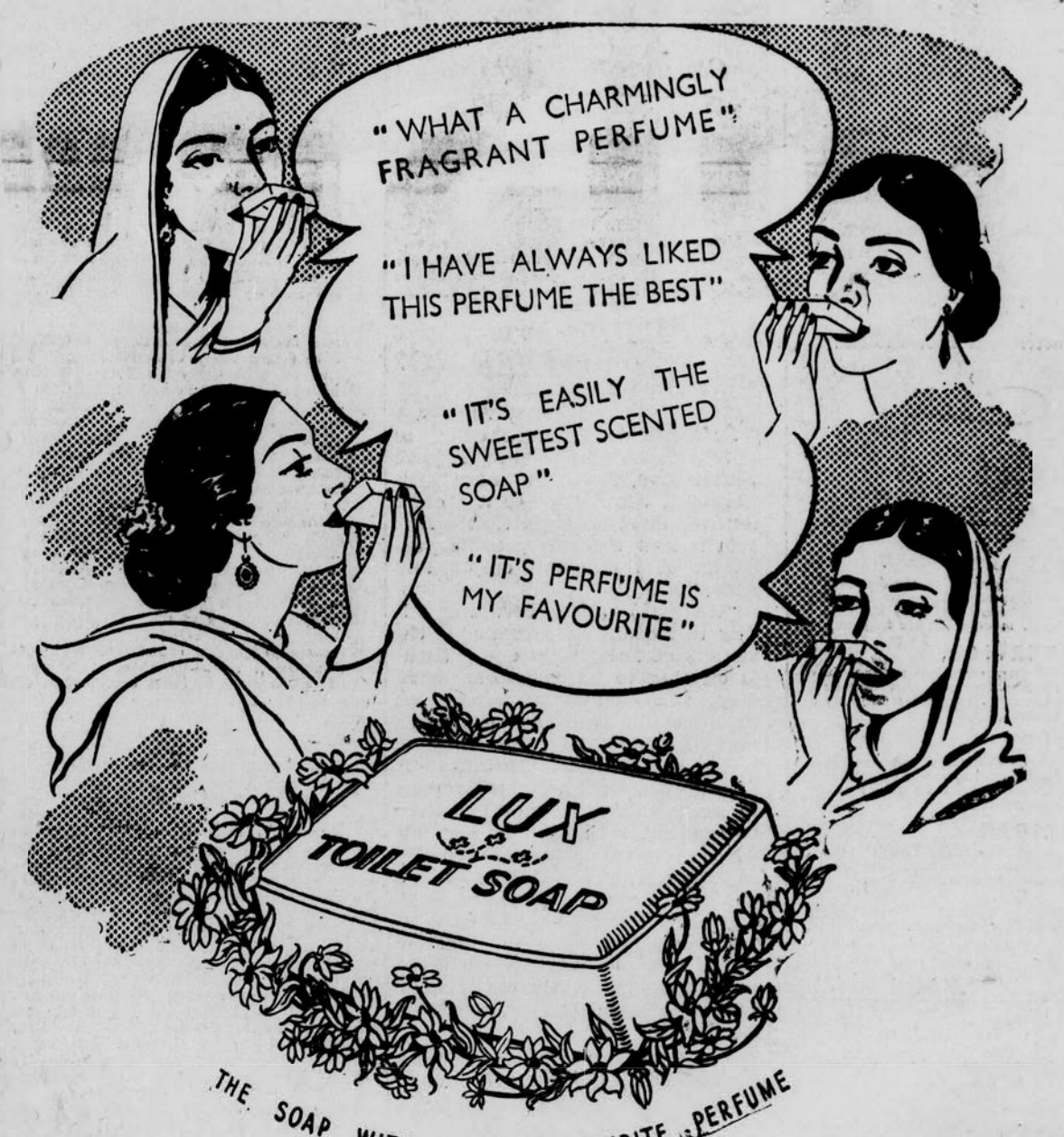
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Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Shravan Sud 6, 1996
Muslim: Rajab 4, 1395
Parsi: Aspadarmad 9, 1309
Hightide: 3.45; 15.59
Lowtide: 9.25; 22.15
Sunrise: 6h. 18m.
Sunset: 7h. 10m.

MATUNGA TAMIL SANGHAM

Under the auspices of the above Sangham, the great Tamil poet Sundaramurthy Nayanar's Day will be celebrated to-day (Friday) at 8.30 p.m. in the Sangham Hall at Jassni Bhuvan.

No Routine Test Of Air Raid Alarm

As an air raid alarm exercise has been fixed for 4 p.m. on Monday, August 13, there will be no routine test of the A. R. P. Alarm System at 9 a.m. on that day.

VERRIER ELWIN

Mr. Verrier Elwin will give a talk on Aboriginal Tribes at the Recreation Club Institute Hall at Kandi Mohalla, Inamwada Road, to-day (Friday) at 7.30 p.m. (S.T.).

A. R. P. LECTURE

Mr. N. S. Ural, will give a lecture on "Air Raid Precautions" with lantern slides at Labour Welfare Centre at DeLisle Road to-day (Friday) at 7 p.m.

SHRI MAHAVIRA JAINA VIDYALAYA
Prof. R. N. Welingkar, Professor of English, Elphinstone College, will deliver a lecture on "The Modern Theatre" in the Vidyalaya Lecture Hall (Gowalla Tank Road, Bombay 7) to-day (Friday) at 7 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND

If there be no heavy rains, the Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 6, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6.51 a.m. (S.T.) at Bhuleshwar Fire Brigade and go round with them in the Ward.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" Daily at 4.30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"City in Darkness" Daily at 4.30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Florian" Daily at 3.30, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Saps At Sea" Daily at 4.30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"For Freedom" Daily at 4.30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Anuradha" Daily at 4.30, 7.15 and 10 p.m.

THANA WAR EFFORTS

There will be a meeting of the women of Thana district to form an association for making garments etc. and for collection of trinkets in response to the appeal made by Lady Lumley, on 9th instant at 5 p.m. in the Khan Bahadur Divecha Hall.
A meeting of the District War Committee will be held on 13th instant, also at the Divecha Hall at 5 p.m. to intensify the war efforts.

VIVEKANANDA SOCIETY, DADAR
A study class will be conducted to-day at 7.30 p.m. on Gita by Sri M. R. Gopalachar, M.A., Organizer, Vanivilas Vidyalaya, at the Society premises, Jadoo Bhuvan, Dr. P. Siva Road, Dadar opposite R. B. and C. I. Railway station. The public are cordially invited to attend.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTEERS
A meeting of the Central Committee of Volunteers will be held to-day (Friday) at 9 p.m. at the Anglo-Ayurvedic Hospital, near Congress House, Bombay 4, to consider about the Ordinance issued by the Government of India, regarding ban on volunteer corps.

IN THE WAR A SUCCESS?
Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Union, Mr. Asoka Mehta will speak on "Is the war a success?" to-day (Friday), at 7 p.m. at the Socialist Hall (Chandni House) opposite Allis Restaurant, near Sandhurst Bridge.

BOMBAY CONGRESS SOCIALIST PARTY
Under the auspices of the Congress Socialist Party and other organisations, a public meeting will be held to protest against the ban imposed by the Government of India on Volunteer organisations to-morrow (Saturday) at 6.30 p.m. The meeting will be held at "Socialist Hall" Sandhurst Bridge, opposite Opera House if it rains, otherwise on Chowpatty Sands.

PATHE—"Woman" Daily at 3.30, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Saubhagya" Daily at 4.7 and 9.45 p.m.
WEST END—"Lapandav" Daily at 4.7 and 9.45 p.m.
MINERVA—"Bahurani" Daily at 4.30, 7.15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Andhi" Daily at 4.45, 7.15 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Dhyaneshwar" Daily at 4.7 and 9.45 p.m.

Silver Trinket Fund

The Silver Trinket Fund, already operating in Bombay City, is being extended to the rest of the Province. Lady Clayton has undertaken the organising work and, under her guidance, committees are being established in each district.
The names of the chairmen of the district committees and the addresses of collecting depots will be published shortly.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATIONS

Owing to interruptions and disturbances on Arracan wires, telegrams to and from Burma are subject to serious delay.

With immediate effect in supersession of all previous orders regarding France, it has been decided that all terminal telegrams including French Government telegrams, but excluding neutral diplomatic and consular telegrams to France, (both occupied and unoccupied) Corsica, Algeria, French Morocco, and Tunisia will not be permitted. All terminal telegrams to and from other French Colonies are permitted, if in plain English, French, or authorised commercial codes. Transit traffic including French Government and French Colonial Governments between France and French overseas territories is also permitted.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION

Mr. Jain will begin his Junior Hindustani class to-day (Friday) at 6.30 p.m. in the University, South Wing.

HUMAN SACRIFICE IN MEXICO

The feature by Aubrey Menon, which is to be broadcast from Bombay on Friday (this evening) at 8.30 p.m. on 61.48 metres only, re-constructs the whole ceremony of the living sacrifice to the War-God "Humming Bird on the Left." The playwright paints semi-savage Mexicans and draws a grim parallel of their ways with our own.

Weather Report

POONA, Aug 8
All-India weather chart upto eight hours shade temperature maximum minimum rainfall past 24 hours since 1st June departure from normal.

STATIONS	Temperatures		Rainfall	
	Maximum	Minimum	Past 24 hours	Total since June 1st
Chittagong	85.75	67.49	+1.1	11.1
Calcutta	87.90	61.21	-5.6	-5.6
Cuttack	89.79	-43.3	+17.7	17.7
Patna	87.76	1.3	22.1	-1.1
Gorakhpur	84.77	2.3	28.9	-5.6
Benares	90.77	0.2	15.9	-8.6
Allahabad	86.79	0.2	11.0	-7.4
Cawnpore	86.76	0.6	9.3	-7.4
Lucknow	85.78	0.6	17.8	-1.2
Jhansi	84.76	0.1	23.3	+3.8
Agra	88.76	3.0	11.0	-2.9
Haridwar	85.76	4.1	32.7	+10.4
Dehra Dun	84.73	0.5	37.3	-6.2
Delhi	91.75	1.6	14.6	+1.6
Amber	95.78	-18.3	+5.9	+5.9
Ludhiana	96.76	1.3	16.8	+4.4
Lahore	97.80	0.2	4.7	-3.8
Rawalpindi	89.73	3.3	17.1	+4.3
Lyallpur	91.70	2.4	15.1	-2.8
Multan	100.84	-1.9	-1.8	-1.8
Quetta	89.66	0.5	0.9	-0.9
Peshawar	94.77	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3
Fort Sandeman	99.77	-3.0	-0.5	-0.5
Kandahar	88.73	0.2	24.0	+8.4
Jubbulpore	83.74	T. 29.5	-0.9	-0.9
Nagpur	91.78	-4.4	+17.4	+17.4
Bombay	87.72	T. 65.0	+8.4	+8.4
Ratnagiri	85.75	0.1	62.2	-5.6
Ahmednagar	87.67	-11.7	+2.6	+2.6

Monsoon Strong In U. P. & Punjab

POONA, August 8
The Monsoon has been strong in the United Provinces, East and North Punjab and active in Assam, Bengal, Chota Nagpur, Bihar and Malabar. Rainfall has occurred locally in North-West Frontier Province, Central India, Central Provinces and at a few stations in Kashmir, Gujarat, Konkan, South East Madras and North Madras Coast.

STATIONS	Temperatures		Rainfall	
	Maximum	Minimum	Past 24 hours	Total since June 1st
Poona	82.69	-10.2	-2.8	-2.8
Sholapur	92.72	-5.5	-4.6	-4.6
Hyderabad (Dn.)	86.73	T. 12.1	-0.3	-0.3
Bangalore	80.68	-7.0	-1.1	-1.1
Mysore	82.68	T. 8.6	+2.6	+2.6
Calicut	84.73	1.0	79.5	+9.8
Madras	96.79	-5.9	-1.1	-1.1
Shillong	74.64	0.7	33.5	-0.2
Simla	68.59	0.3	27.3	-2.5
Panchmahal	70.67	T. 56.0	+15.2	+15.2
Kodalkanal	67.58	0.1	12.7	+4.0
Jacobabad	103.82	-0.1	-1.5	-1.5
Hyderabad (Sind)	97.81	-1.6	-2.4	-2.4
Karachi	87.89	-0.1	-1.5	-1.5
Jaipur	89.77	T. 17.1	+4.6	+4.6
Almer	88.78	-14.7	+3.7	+3.7
Deesa	95.78	-11.0	-2.7	-2.7
Bajkot	92.76	-11.3	-5.7	-5.7
Ahmedabad	93.77	-10.5	-7.6	-7.6
Rhor	80.73	T. 33.0	-	-
Ak	60.74	-24.3	+7.5	+7.5
Amrodt	89.74	-26.4	+9.1	+9.1
Indore	81.72	0.1	27.8	+9.7
Marmagao	63.77	0.1	64.9	-
Malgaon	92.69	-6.5	-13.2	-13.2
Mussorie	70.59	3.4	56.7	+15.3
Mahabeshwar	66.61	0.6	164.2	-15.9
Baroda	91.75	12.5	-	-
Bahawalpur	98.83	-2.3	-0.8	-0.8
Belgaum	77.67	0.1	31.8	+3.8
Murree	69.57	0.2	22.9	+3.1
Cherrapunji	74.64	2.1	192.9	-24.8
Bilaspur	89.71	-4.7	-1.5	-1.5
Khandala	74.65	0.5	13.1	-
Mount Abu	64.74	-18.2	-18.1	-18.1
Ootacamund	67.53	0.3	17.0	-0.1
Jodhpur	95.79	-5.9	-0.6	-0.6



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FLOOD HAVOC IN PUNJAB

LAHORE, Aug 8
Rivers in Kangra Valley are in spate owing to heavy rain during the past few days. Seven dead bodies were washed ashore near Mirial Bank of the river Chakhi while numerous heads of cattle were drowned.
The river Beas has washed away vast tracts of arable land along her banks. Many houses collapsed in the valley are reported.—United Press.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)
Like the City, the Suburbs too, have a Defence Loans Committee which has in the space of less than a month collected Rs. 41,517.
The Defence Loans Committee met on July 13, 1940, when Mr. D. J. Ferraris, M.L.C. was appointed Chairman, Mr. Akbar Chitnoi, Managing Director of Bombay Garage was appointed Honorary Secretary and Mr. M. M. Ghandi, was appointed Honorary Treasurer. The Committee has now about 51 members from all over the Suburban areas. The Committee met last night when reports from various groups were taken. It was announced that in spite of defence loan forms not being ready the Committee has been able to collect Rs. 41,517. The other important item discussed was the printing of defence loan stamps and it was decided that one lakh of stamps were to be printed and sold at Rs. 1 per hundred which besides realising a small amount would be an extensive publicity for the sale of defence loans.

BALKAN-JI-BARI AT AMBARNATH

(From Our Correspondent)
At the suggestion of Mr. B. G. Kher, President of the Bombay Provincial Balkan-Ji-Bari, Mr. Salish Desai, General Secretary and Mr. Indra Vasavada, Jt. Secretary went to Ambarnath on Sunday, August 4, and established there a centre of the Balkan-Ji-Bari. Mr. P. V. Paranjape of that place had invited the local workers and later arranged a children's meeting. Ambarnath is a beautiful place full of greenery and it has an ancient temple and a few manufacturing factories. Mr. B. G. Kher has built his own cottage there and he has invited all Bombay Balkan-Ji-Bari girls and boys to visit him in November next, when he will be 'At Home' to them. Arrangements for the trip have already been taken in hand.

LADIES' COMMITTEE FOR WAR GIFTS FUND

Lady Duggan, Honorary Secretary of the Ladies' Committee of the War Gifts Fund asks that all contributions sent by cheque should be made out in the name of "Lady Duggan, Hon. Treasurer, Ladies' Committee War Gifts Fund."

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of the 8th of August, 1940:—
Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. +0.02 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 81.0 deg. Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 78.0 deg. Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 87.1 deg. (2.3 above normal).
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 78.4 deg. (2.3 above normal).
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 87 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. S-W.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 89 miles.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 17 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky eq. to 10) 10.
Rainfall in 24 hours 0.02 inches.
Total rainfall during the month 3.95 inches.
Total rainfall during the year 66.35 inches.
Weather remarks: Rain.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 8/8/1940

At 8.7 a.m. local time (8.45 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 82.2 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 29.97 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.77 inches.
For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Ceylon's Representatives

COLOMBO: August 8.
It is understood that Mr. H. J. Euxham, Financial Secretary, and Mr. G. O. S. Corea, Industries Minister, will represent Ceylon at the Imperial Economic Conference at Delhi, in October.—A. P.

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CONDEMNED

The mere fact that prominent Congress leaders have refrained from expressing any opinion on the Viceroy's statement does not mean that they have divided minds and need to consider it for a longer time to be able to make up their minds. To Congressmen the question is not simply to accept or reject the statement. They have to consider what steps they have to take to persuade the Government to revise their offer so as to bring about a genuine settlement, if one is still possible. This part of their responsibility requires some serious consideration and they propose to consider together all the issues involved in the statement and give their considered reply to the Viceroy. So far as mere expressing an opinion on the statement is concerned, they think it almost superfluous. For the statement stands self-condemned, as it does not concede a single demand of the Congress, as admitted even by the opponents of the Congress. We have not the least doubt that the view we have expressed will be endorsed by the Congress, however much opinions may vary for the present about the action to be taken after the rejection of Government's offer. The "National Herald" echoes the feeling in the minds of all Congressmen when it says that the Viceroy's declaration is a "thorough-going negation of the wishes and ideals, the hopes and aspirations of Indian nationalism".

Sastri's Warning

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, who may be presumed to speak for the Liberals, has pointed out numerous defects in the declaration, though he seems still to cherish the illusion that, if only Indians now help Britain in the war, all the defects will be made good in time. The Rt. Hon. Srinivasa Sastri is still more critical, though he confines himself to essentials. He has done a service by warning Government against the consequences of pampering cliques and sections by allowing "obstructionists to have an ultimate veto." He deeply regrets that there is no time limit for the inauguration of Dominion Status and no provision for setting up at once a truly National Govern-

ment at the Centre. Yet he appeals to the Congress to "seize the reins of power everywhere", to "forget prestige and consistency, ignore the lack of imaginative foresight on the part of the Government and reward the love and trust of the people by active protection which they (the Congress) alone can give". If Congress could give true protection to the people by seizing and exercising real power, they would not have waited for Mr. Sastri's appeal. But he will have to admit that by being the assistants, if not tools, of the Viceroy in a Council not responsible to the Legislature, Congressmen cannot exercise real power and cannot give people real protection.

No Chance For Compromise

Mr. Sastri, who asks Congress to forget consistency, has perhaps forgotten it himself. Less than a month ago, when the people of India needed protection quite as much as they do now, the Servants of India Society issued a statement declaring itself unable to join War Committees or otherwise "to render enthusiastic co-operation." The Society contended that Indians "are naturally unable to throw all their energies into the task of defending the freedom which they do not possess themselves and which it is not certain that successful termination of the war would bring to them." It was not satisfied with the vague promise, now repeated, of Dominion Status as early as possible, for it said that "the promise of Dominion Status within the shortest period does not remove the apprehension that India may be made to pass through a long period of transition." About the same time Pandit Kunzru, the President of the Society, insisted that effective war effort needed that there should be an Indian Defence Minister. All these sound views continue to be sound, and for that reason and not merely for prestige does Congress stick to these views uncompromisingly. There is room for compromise on details and Congress has shown itself ready for such. But there can be no talk of co-operation or compromise when Government's offer is nowhere near the Congress demand.

Japan's Difficulties

According to a Shanghai message the Vichy Government has informed Chungking that "France is standing firm over Indo-China and is prepared to resist any Japanese military moves." This means that Herr Hitler has rejected Japanese "New Order" ambitions in the South in so far as French Indo-China is concerned. Herr Hitler's attitude must have come as a great shock to Japan which has been expecting great things from Berlin and Rome. But it is too early to consider the possibility of any repercussions. Nor is Herr Hitler's only check administered to the new Japanese Cabinet. The American Ambassador in Tokyo, too, visited M. Matsuoka to make "inquiries" about press reports that negotiations were proceeding with France regarding French Indo-China.

The Japanese Government appear to have accepted the situation, for M. Matsuoka assured the American Ambassador that the reports were inaccurate. But discomfited in the matter of

French Indo-China—which, incidentally, strikes at the foundation of proclaimed Japanese ambitions, what are they going to do to "save their face"? Action against the Dutch East Indies also appears to be barred with more damaging consequences to Japan's economy and war machine. For, if the American Ambassador made inquiries about French Indo-China he would probably even more energetic "inquiries" should the East Indies be menaced. Any quarrel with the U. S. S. R. will be immediately disastrous and, in any case, Russia has started large scale naval manoeuvres in the Pacific which Prince Konohe and M. Matsuoka cannot ignore. Will Japan, therefore, turn against Britain? Here, too, the risks to Japan are greater than those to Britain. As a British paper suggested, the British could retire to Singapore and, from there, conduct a long range blockade which would simply ruin Japan. M. Matsuoka must be losing his energetic enthusiasm before the complexity of his problems.

The Focus Has Shifted

(By CLEMENCE DANE)*

The war in between its big doings manages also to rid one's mind of all those notions that are mentally silly. I should have thought my week of small happenings pretty interesting a year ago, two broadcast talks, a one act play written, an evening at a good film, an afternoon watching a Red Cross Sale. Sunday in the country and one really late night talking about Queen Elizabeth and watching the sun rise on Waterloo Bridge afterwards. But how can one call such things interesting with all one's thoughts focussing like searchlights on somewhere else, Big Ben or Bulgaria or the silver dotted home skies?

Certainly there was the excitement of the budget but even the budget let us down. We all expected it to be crushing and now feel uneasily that it is not quite crushing enough. I mean you have lain down meekly in the road in preparation for the car of Juggernaut, what's a garden roller?

The focus has shifted to-day, especially for artists, whose whole reason for their existence is making bricks without straw. Painters have to create life with nothing to help them but a bit of linen, some coloured clays, turpentine and imagination. Writers have to create their whole society out of a pen and an ink bottle, a sheet of paper and imagination. Sculptors have to make eternal images of life with a hammer and stone and imagination and the tune makers have to draw down the music of the spheres with catgut and imagination. No wonder that to an artist his work is as holy as to a mother bearing her child. And that's why, if people said before the war "Only a film" or "Only a book" I was furious and called them Philistines. Now I come to think of it. I remember how furious that phrase once made me of all places in Germany.

It was years ago, Hitler was not yet Chancellor and I was staying with elderly friends, old-fashioned, broad-minded Germans, who feared and hated the new born Nazi movement, for seeing as I realise now, what would come of it all. What has happened to those old friends I don't know and I don't much care to think. They were kind and I was very fond of them. Well, we had not met for a long time and I remember eagerly talking to them of the books I had read and the books I had written since I had seen them, of the sculpture I had seen, I think it was during one of the Epstein controversies, of the English theatre, French actors, American sky-scrapers, of the Russian ballet and the new music, and, above all, I talked to them about Hollywood and the international importance of films. But there was no response. They looked at me dully and said: "How can you get so excited over art?" and I said very disappointed: "What's happened to you? In the old days before 1914 you never talked of anything else." And they shrugged and said: "What's the good of art? How will it help us if Hitler gets into power? All we read nowadays is book on politics." And do you know I was so stupid I could not understand them at all. I suppose it came of always having lived in a free country. One takes freedom and peace so for granted that one just can't understand the killing daily fear of

tyranny. I just struck my friends as being rather hysterical. Now at last I know what they meant. Now I understand their weary distaste for all the things that were formerly the joys of their lives, because vaguely in the few months before the war and most certainly in the first three months after it, the same thing happened to most of us over here. The imaginative side of life was overwhelmed by reality and the one ceased to interpret the other, especially for us book makers. There was suddenly too much straw. Also in those first few weeks, already it seems like time ago last September, it seemed callous to be able to enjoy anything at all. One put on a coloured evening dress and took it off again quickly, saying, "No, no, I can't go out in that." If you read a new novel, you stopped half way, and if you did not listen in to every news bulletin you felt rather as I imagine the Elizabethans felt if they did not go to church on Sunday. Chit-chat about your private affairs seemed a monstrous egotism and you apologised if you laughed. The war woke you in the morning, walked with you all day, walked with you, ate with you, slept with you, got into your dreams. Another curious thing, everybody quarrelled easily, and went about accusing each of being completely changed by the war, but indignantly denying that they

themselves had changed at all. It was an old nightmare time. I said "was" because you see its over. Our sense of humour has returned, and the arts, the blessed, nerve steadying, heart soothing arts of life have once again allowed to be important.

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ITALIANS CRY HALT TO

Drive Across British Somaliland

R. A. F. Attack On Massawa: British Flying Boat Shot Down In Tobruk: Fascist Fighters Turn Back From Malta

CAIRO, Aug. 8. A 'communiqué' states that the Italians have halted in their drive across British Somaliland and says: "As anticipated enemy columns halted after capturing Hargesa and Odweina and air reconnaissance reports little movement around these places".

Western Desert

The 'communiqué' also states that in the Western Desert the frontier is all quiet, but enemy movements, particularly of motorised transports, continue to be reported.

All Quiet In Sudan.

Apart from an unsuccessful air raid on Atbara, all was quiet in Sudan. In Burao area and to the east the situation is reported to be normal and in Kenya and Palestine there is nothing to report.—Reuter.

R. A. F. ATTACK ON MASSAWA

CAIRO, Aug. 8. An attack on shipping in Bardia harbour on the Libyan frontier and a raid on the submarine base at Massawa in which direct hits were registered on a naval vessel and submarine, are recorded in an R.A.F. 'communiqué'.

One British flying boat was shot down while reconnoitring over Tobruk area. Air Activity On All Fronts The 'communiqué' says that there was considerable air activity on all fronts yesterday and many valuable reconnaissances were undertaken. Shipping in Bardia harbour (Libyan frontier) and store buildings were attacked and one large building was destroyed.

While carrying out reconnaissance in Tobruk area on August 6, one of our flying boats was shot down. One crew was killed and the remaining three wounded and taken prisoner.

In Italian East Africa a submarine base at Massawa was raided by R.A.F. bombers on August 6 and 7. Reports indicate that direct hits were registered on a naval vessel and submarine. During another raid three buildings were damaged. All our aircraft returned safely.

Enemy fighters approached Malta yesterday, but turned back before our fighters could engage them.—Reuter.

BERBERA WILL BE DEFENDED

LONDON, Aug. 8. The British, it is stated authoritatively in London, will probably make in Somaliland a stand in

defence of Berbera, along the range of hills—reaching 6,000 feet—south of the port.

The hills lie from 35 to 40 miles from Berbera and form a good line to put up resistance against advancing Italians. It is learned that the Italian force which took undefended Zeila was the northern column consisting of about two battalions. It now seems questionable whether this force is going to attempt to advance on Berbera by the coastal road.

ROAD TO BERBERA The road is 100 to 150 miles long, is extraordinarily difficult for vehicles and also very narrow. It can be covered from sea as well as by land forces. The taking of Berbera from the sea would be very difficult, since it is by no means a modern port, despite improvements since the old days of campaigns against the Mad Mulla, while the annual three month monsoon will blow without cessation until about September 15.

A ship cannot come alongside and has to lay off about a quarter of a mile. The monsoon sometimes reaches a velocity of 120 miles per hour, the wind being burning hot. It would not have been sound tactics to try superior forces on the Somaliland frontier.

BRITAIN'S OBJECT Throughout the area of war in Africa Britain's object is not occupation of territory, but defeat of enemy's forces, which cannot be easily reinforced, thanks to the British Navy Guard in the Mediterranean. It does not really affect the issue greatly where that defeat takes place.

It is emphasised that this will be a war of attrition and Britain's preliminary tactics take this object into account. Neither men nor materials can easily be replaced and losses in personnel and machines count for infinitely more than any advance or withdrawal.—Reuter.

French Colonies In Africa

Decree For Reorganisation Of Administration

VICHY, Aug. 8. The reorganisation of administration of French-African possessions is brought about by a new decree just issued, according to the Havas Agency.

French Equatorial Africa (originally divided into three colonies but a single administrative unit since 1934) becomes a Federated Colony.

The Colony of Mauretania (hitherto one of the eight Colonies in French West Africa) will no longer have its own Governor and retain its autonomy, but will be placed under the authority of the Governor of Senegal.

Dakar and its dependencies also among Colonies of French West Africa will be under the authority of the Governor of Senegal, but will be administered by a Government official.—Reuter.

Rumanian Vessel Released

BUCHAREST, August 8. The British Government have released the Rumanian freighter "Bucegi" which is one of the three Rumanian vessels seized at Port Said at the end of July.—Reuter

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R. A. F. EXPLOITS

(Continued from page 1.) With gallant self-sacrifice he remained at the controls as the machine lost height until it dived into the sea fifty yards from the shore.—Reuter.

NAZI BOMBING EXCURSIONS

LONDON, Aug. 8. The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security 'communiqué' says: Bombs were dropped in various parts of Great Britain last night by isolated aircraft, but, apart from broken windows, little damage is reported except in one town in north-east England, where a sanatorium and shop property suffered considerably.

In one part of north England leaflets were dropped. Casualties were very few and the only serious injuries were to some women walking in a country road.

No Casualties, No Panic

Later reports from the Sanatorium stated that there were no casualties and damage was only slight. Three hundred children from poorer districts of northern countries were asleep when explosions occurred. All behaved magnificently and there was no panic.—Reuter.

TOLL OF NAZI RAIDS ON BRITAIN

LONDON, Aug. 8. Sir John Anderson announced that during the month of July, 258 civilians were reported to the Ministry of Home Security as killed and 321 seriously injured in air-raids on the United Kingdom. 57 women and 23 children under the age of 16 were among the killed and 77 women and 17 children among the injured.—Reuter.

RAID ON DOLVICK PETROL STORAGE

LONDON, August 8. An Admiralty 'communiqué' states that "SKUA" aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out successful attack on a petrol storage depot at Dolvik, about five miles south of Bergen and caused severe damage. All aircraft returned safely.

There were three tanks of a total capacity of 7,200 tons. The largest of the three was seen to blow up. The second largest was badly damaged and set on fire and the smallest, tank and pumping station and jetty severely damaged. Very large fires were started, which, it is considered, must have spread and led to total destruction of the whole depot. All aircraft returned safely.

R. A. F. EXPLOITS

An Air Ministry 'communiqué' states that yesterday R.A.F. bombers carried out daylight attacks on enemy occupied aerodromes at Cherbourg and Hamstedt in Holland. At night our bombers, though hampered again by poor weather, attacked the Homburg oil plant, the Kiel dockyards, store depots at Hamm and a number of aerodromes in northwest Germany. All our aircraft returned safely.

The Coastal Command report the loss of one aircraft engaged in reconnaissance over the Norwegian Coast yesterday.—Reuter.

German Ban Petrol Coupons In Holland

LONDON, Aug. 8. Germans have placed a ban on the use of petrol coupons in Holland and all coupons already issued are to be returned to the authorities, states the German controlled Dutch Radio. No indication is given whether fresh coupons would be issued.—Reuter.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN MEDITERRANEAN

ROME, August 8. A Madrid despatch to the Stefani Agency declares that violent gunfire has been heard in the Mediterranean, South of Valencia. Fishermen believe that a naval engagement has occurred between Formentor, one of the Balearic Islands, and the north coast of Africa near Algiers.—Reuter.

NO NAVAL BATTLE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 8. The British Embassy denies reports of a naval battle in the South Atlantic.—Reuter.

"KEMMENDINE" LOST?

RANGOON, Aug. 8. According to a local communiqué, S. S. Kemmendine destined for Rangoon must be presumed to be lost. She is 21 days overdue.—A. P.

In Commons: Skilled Labour Scarcity

Bevin Tells How Employers Can Help Production For Victory

LONDON, Aug. 8. The Ministry of Labour and National Security announced that between July 10 and 11 orders were issued for the release from the army of 3,200 skilled tradesmen required to expedite aircraft and armament production. It is explained that these men were in addition to the 30,000 released for all types of industries made prior to the present speed-up of production.

EMPLOYERS MUST TRAIN LABOUR

In the House of Commons discussing the training of workers Mr. E. Bevin declared that there appeared to be lack of appreciation in industry generally of the enormous need for rapid expansion of training to meet the requirements of the expanding munitions programme and maintenance of a satisfactory export position. It must be recognised that the enemy had paid special attention to this problem and it was necessary to be fully equipped and the necessary exports maintained the whole industry must devote more attention to the problem.

FOOLS PARADISE. Hitherto as far as training in workshops was concerned the Government had adopted the method of persuasion. If training were undertaken in workshops, it meant that over a short period there must be a small sacrifice of immediate production. This temporary sacrifice must be faced and would be made good in very quick time.

The Government were satisfied that the war was not going to end in the immediate future and it was of vital importance to initiate now necessary steps to make good temporary loss and also greatly to accelerate production a little later.

"I am afraid that some employers are to some extent living in a fools paradise in the matter of skilled labour. They must realise that the scarcity of various classes of skilled labour in the absence of extensive provision of training would be greatly accentuated by other factors".

Large numbers of skilled men must have been released from the forces to return to engineering and 3,000 were so released in one month. Mr. Bevin said that he was reluctant to make training obligatory on employers but conditions may arise when this would have to be done. Employers should not wait for orders and regulations, but co-operate immediately in this problem.

TRAINING CENTRES Mr. Bevin said that he had asked that the nineteen training centres they now had should be placed in the highest category of priority to get them equipped. The present centres would be on full treble shift and output should exceed a hundred thousand trainees a year. He was aiming at forty training centres and if this goal was achieved output would be doubled.

"If the employers concerned are seized with the importance of training equally with my Department I am satisfied that with the aid of our Dominions and the United States and the fullest use of our man power and resources at our command we can undertake any disparity that may now favour the enemy. It is, therefore, worthwhile making a supreme effort in this field."

6 d. Increase In Pay

Sir Charles Kingsley Wood announced that in consequence of additional taxation on tobacco and beer as well as increased postal and railway charges and increase in the cost of living, an increase of six pence daily will be made in the pay of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men in the army, navy and air force. The cost of this additional grant, which he hoped, would be brought into operation by the end of this month would be in the region of nine million sterling for each million men.

Short Adjournment

In the House of Commons Mr. C. R. Attlee announced that he hoped the House would be able to rise on a short adjournment on August 22. The Government would make a further statement shortly as to the length of the adjournment.—Reuter

WHAT BURMA ROAD CLOSURE MEANS

Mr. Mander asked if the Government would publish the full

KHAKSARS GET RESTIVE

Jinnah's Failure To Reach Settlement With Punjab Govt.

LAHORE, August 8. A threat of the renewal of their activities by the Khaksars, if no honourable settlement is arrived at by August 10, is contained in the latest issue of the Khaksar organ "Al-Islah."

Following what is described as the failure of Mr. Jinnah's efforts to bring about a settlement between the Khaksars and the Punjab Government, the Acting Leader of the Government, Dr. Mahomed Ismail Nami, has appointed Sir Ziauddin Ahmad, Nawab Bhadur Yar Jung and Mian Ahmad Shah as "peace plenipotentiaries" to the Punjab Government.

Mr. Jinnah is understood to have informed Dr. Mahomed Ismail Nami that he drew the attention of His Excellency the Viceroy to the position of the Khaksars in the Punjab and requested him to take up the matter following the receipt of a reply from His Excellency.

Mr. Jinnah has advised the Khaksar leader to get in touch with the Punjab Premier to ascertain the conditions on which the order declaring the Khaksars as an unlawful association could be revoked.

PESHAWAR KHAKSARS AWAIT ORDERS FROM CENTRE.

In pursuance of the decision of the Government of India to prohibit drills with or without arms by non-official volunteer organisations in the country, the Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar met the two Khaksar leaders in this Province and explained to them the full implications of the Central Government's Orders.

It is learned that the Khaksar viewpoint is to await instructions from their central headquarters, pending which no steps will be taken.—A. P.

APPEAL TO CONSCIENCE OF WORLD

(Continued from Page 6) H. G. Wells, J. B. Priestley, Henry W. Nevins, Former Presidents,

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terms including the schedule of agreement with Japan with regard to the closing of the Burma Road.

Mr. Butler replied that all that Lord Halifax could add to Mr. Churchill's statement of July 18 was a list of categories of goods subject to temporary prohibition on the road, namely iron, steel and railway track, rolling stock, motor vans, lorries and parts thereof, arms, ammunition and military explosives.

6 BRITONS STILL IN DETENTION

Mr. Butler stated that six Britons were still under detention by the Japanese authorities, nine having been released and one died under circumstances which were being investigated. The British Ambassador in Tokyo had a number of discussions with Mr. Matsuoaka and it was hoped that proceedings in connection with these cases would be expedited.

Overseas Nurses For Britain

A suggestion that nurses brought from overseas on an organised plan should supplement the trained nurses available here in view of the possibility of heavy civilian casualties was mentioned by Mr. Macdonald in a written reply to a question.

He said that he had recently given special consideration to that question. He advised that our own resources should be sufficient if used to their full extent to render this course unnecessary. But he would keep the matter under review and he expressed Government's deep appreciation for the spirit that prompted a number of fellow citizens in other parts of the Empire to offer their services to the mother country in this way.—Reuter.

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France Will Not Yield To Japan

Vichy Assures China Of Firm Stand Over Indo-China

SHANGHAI, August 8. The Vichy Government informed Chungking through Chinese Ambassador to France that France is standing firm over Indo-China and is prepared to resist any Japanese military moves, according to the Chinese press.

It is stated that defence measures in Indo-China have been tightened up.—Reuter.

WAR ALLOWANCE FOR RAILWAYMEN

Govt. Of India To Inquire Court Of Inquiry

SIMLA, August 8. The Government of India have decided to appoint a Court of Inquiry to enquire and report on the question of dearness allowance to railway employees to meet the increased cost of living due to war, says a Press Note.

The Court will be appointed in August with Mr. Justice B. N. Rau, Chairman, Sir Shafat Ahmed Khan, member, and Mr. A. Hughes, Secretary. The Government have decided to confine the enquiry to the G. I. Railway and if, as a result of the enquiry, the Government adopt any principles regulating the grant of allowance to any classes of workers on the G. I. P. Railway, these principles will be applied to other railway servants also.—United Press.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT INDIAN CONTINGENT

LONDON, August 8. Their Majesties visited an Indian contingent to-day and spent an hour in the camp. The King was in the Field Marshal's uniform and the Queen was attired in Indian blue and wore the insignia of the Star of India. Both the King and Queen asked many questions about the contingent's experiences in France and elsewhere.

After the inspection Their Majesties toured the camp and the Queen especially displayed great interest in general camp arrangements.

Trade Commissioners

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find new markets for the same, and to inform the Indian exporters of the nature of the requirements of the countries to which they are sent. The task requires an intimate knowledge of our exportable raw materials and commodities as also great powers of initiative and push, and should be entrusted to people who can launch vigorous efforts to push our goods in untapped markets.

It is very doubtful whether the persons sent hitherto to various centres as Trade Commissioners answer this test. Government officers accustomed to routine work can scarcely turn out to be active salesmen, quite apart from their lack of intimate knowledge of our different export commodities, and our export and import trade. The whole policy underlying these appointments needs to be revised. It is not enough to exhibit samples and make annual reports and that too one year after the expiration of the period under report. It is necessary to appoint persons having active experience of business conditions in this country, and the raw commodities produced in this country and who can make active and live salesmen by their vigour and push.—Yours, etc.

R. J. MANEKSHAW.

CAIRO, Aug. 8. Lewa Ibrahim Attallah Pacha, King Farouk's aide-camp, has been appointed Chief of Staff in succession to Aziz-el-Masry Pacha who has been placed on pension.—Reuter.

contingent's mess. They left to the resounding cries from the parade of "Allah-no-Akbar" and "Ya Ali"—Reuter.



A scene from "For Freedom", second week at the New Empire Theatre.



Laurel and Hardy in "Saps at Sea", second week at Excelsior.

FOREIGN FILM FAMINE

Lights Out In Paris

Charlie Chan Film At Regal

The Paris blackout is the background of "Charlie Chan in City In Darkness", which comes to the Regal Theatre.

Caught like so many others, in the tense city during those unforgettable days of crisis when the once-gay capital lived in dread of air raids and inaugurated the protective blackout, Chan, in the person of Sidney Toler, is commended in the great human emergency.

For, although Paris is plunged into darkness, the authorities quickly learn that there is no blackout for crime, and the great detective is set to work fighting the dangers that lurk under cover of the inky blackness. Chan is attending a re-union of a handful of Intelligence officers of the first World War. The celebration is interrupted by an air raid siren and the subsequent blackout. The Paris Chief of Police is completely occupied with the task of guarding the darkened city against crime and sabotage, so his would-be detective son "takes over" and works with Chan on an intensely baffling mystery whose roots are tangled in the general crisis.

Lynne Bari, Richard Clarke, Harold Huber, Pedro de Cordoba, Dorothy Tree, C. Henry Gordon, Douglas Dumbrell and Noel Madison are featured in Toler's support in "Charlie Chan in City In Darkness".

Morning Show At Capitol

There will be a morning show at the Capitol on Sunday at 10-30 a.m. when "Tarzan Escapes", an M.-G.-M. picture featuring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan, will be shown.



Robert Young and Helen Gilbert in "Florian" at the Metro.

(By OUR FILM CRITIC)

There is a veritable famine of foreign films in Bombay.

Not merely is there a dearth of good foreign pictures, the number of imported films itself has considerably gone down.

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According to reports from Hollywood, the industry has been hit hard by the war and each studio has had to cancel pictures on Schedule. There is talk of drastic retrenchment and, characteristic of capitalist panaceas, the axe will largely fall on the underpaid employees while the glamour queens will continue to



A scene from "Charlie Chan in City In Darkness" at Regal.

draw their fabulous salaries. There will be fewer films exported from Hollywood.

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The local market is already showing signs of a debacle.

There are only two new pictures this week. The Metro, after receiving a six-year old Laurel-Hardy comedy last week will show this week "Florian", the story of a Stallion. Yes, Sir, that's what

A Kingdom For A Horse!

"Florian" At The Metro

Tracing the fall of the Austrian Empire as the background for the love story of a boy, a girl, and a horse, "Florian" is shown this week at Metro.

The story starts with Austria at its most opulent period and proceeds to the World War, revolution and fall of the Hapsburg dynasty and their effects on a pair of lovers and a magnificent Lipizzan stallion, property of Emperor Franz Josef. There are spectacular Imperial social affairs, festivals, the review of the Imperial horses in the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, contrasted with the stark drama of world cataclysm.

Robert Young and Helen Gilbert are teamed in this film. Irina Baronova, chief dancer of the Ballet Russe, is exotic as the fiery sweetheart of an archduke.

Last but not least is "Florian", Imperial stallion presented to Opera Star Maria Jeritza by the Austrian Government, in the title role. The almost-human horse is amazing. He and other Lipizzans, including the only five in U. S. A. and others filmed in Austria, are central figures in the story.

Sunday Morning Show At Metro

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's spectacular musical romance, "The Merry Widow" with Jeanette MacDonald and Maurice Chevalier is the attraction at the Metro on Sunday morning.

Hollywood is coming down to! At the Regal is to be seen another of those Charlie Chan films. It has the background of a Paris blackout. Alas, it is no more topical as the gay city now basks under the Nazi glory.

The semi-documentary "For Freedom" at New Empire and the Laurel-Hardy farce "Saps at Sea" at Excelsior are continued for a second week. Did they really deserve to be held over? I wonder. The Eros, I notice, is showing the good old "Michael Strogoff" with its "pulse-pounding thrills" (sic) while the Capitol is to re-with its "pulse-pounding thrills"

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Confirmation is lacking of the rumour that Metro will henceforward show selected Warner pictures. I for one will welcome such an arrangement. The best pictures ought to be shown in the best theatre.

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By the way, if by some stroke of misfortune you have missed seeing that truly great film "Juarez", don't forget to see it on Sunday morning at the Majestic.

K. A. ABBAS.

"BROADWAY MELODY" REVIVED

Dance Film At Capitol

From Saturday is to be seen at the Capitol "Broadway Melody of 1940", starring Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell. Spectacular in all of its departments, these two stars are given a suitable send-off for their first co-starring feature. Nine dancers, ranging in type from tap to ballet, six Cole Porter song hits, gigantic sets, a notable cast, Norman Taurog as director, all add up to "Broadway Melody of 1940".

"VICEROY WILL HAVE TO WORK WITH THE WILLING"

(Continued from page 10) Empire's proud record of allegiance and service in this hour of crisis and secondly on the truly liberal manner in which they propose to gratify the political aspirations of the rest of India.

No Friends For India

The "National Herald", on the other hand, in an editorial headed, "The End of the Chapter" interprets the Viceregal declaration as a "thorough-going negation of the wishes and ideals, the hopes and aspirations of Indian nationalism."

Coming as the statement does from an all party Government, the paper concludes that India has now no friend left in England to espouse her cause. The Congress must reply effectively and urgently or sign its own obituary.

"Let alone Independence, not even Dominion Status at the end of the war is promised—Dominion Status is to remain a distant objective."

It adds, "Congressmen have been speaking in terms of time-limit for the peace parleys. It automatically expires with the present statement. The paper concludes: 'The wilderness is calling and we shall answer the call.'"

Statement Should End Now

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8. A mixed reception has been given to the Viceroy's latest pronouncement, which has been featured by this morning's newspapers.

Stressing the need for unity at this supreme moment of crisis, the "Statesman" in a leading article under the caption "Forward" says that the proposal must end the stalemate in Indian politics.

It is a pragmatic solution, says the paper, something that will work anyhow, just how it works will depend on Indians themselves. If men really representative of the great political forces can agree to work together in the Viceroy's Government, it can be a National Government free from Whitehall's control from the start.

If sectional differences and old quarrels were to prevent a fully representative Government, the Viceroy will have to work with the willing. The result, in any event, will be a mirror of the stage, which our politicians have reached in the art of national as distinct from lesser statesmanship.

Disappointing Offer

The "Amrita Bazar Patrika" says that the offer made by the Viceroy "is disappointing." There is no indication anywhere in this long pronouncement of the latest British Indian policy of appreciation of the point of view of the Indian nationalists.

The statement of Lord Linlithgow will fail to satisfy even the comparatively moderate section of the Indian people whose aspirations do not dare to go beyond a place in the British Commonwealth.

The only people who may, so far as we can see, hail with delight the pronouncement of the Viceroy are Mr. Jinnah and his party, concludes the paper.

Humiliating Proposal

The "Hindustan Standard" says: That His Excellency's statement is disappointing from every point of view. It offers no solution of the Indian problem now or in the near future.

"India has passed the stage of

Viceroy Injured In Ankle

Few Engagements Cancelled: General Health Excellent

POONA, August 8. The following Communique has been issued by Government of Bombay:

Owing to a slight injury to the ankle His Excellency the Viceroy has cancelled, for the next few days, those of his engagements which would involve prolonged periods of standing or walking.

His Excellency's general health is excellent, and he is carrying on the full measure of his usual work. He hopes to be present at the forthcoming Garden Party at Government House, Ganeshkhind.—A. P.

advisory bodies," the paper adds, "and we consider it humiliating to this great country to suggest that it should be satisfied with the addition of a few Indians to the Viceroy's executive Council and a body merely to advise the Government on war questions."

Granted that these are temporary measures, but the Viceroy's statement holds out no hope for the future. As a matter of fact it cannot but have a blighting effect on the possibility of a peaceful solution of the Indian problem.

The Advance says: "If the statement issued by the Viceroy from Simla is meant to be the British Government's reply to the demand of the Congress, which is also the demand of India, we must say that the British Government has once more stumbled and stumbled badly in their handling of the Indian problem."

Commenting on the Viceroy's statement, the "Indian Express" says the decision of His Majesty's Government announced by the Viceroy really represents the spirit of indecision and we are afraid it amounts to a vain escapist effort to move past the Indian problem.

The paper adds: The programme set before the country by the Viceroy has very little in common with the popular demand for a clear declaration of India's right of independence or self-determination and the acceptance of a national Government resting on non-official support in the Central Legislature.—A. P.

Viceroy's Statement Falls Far Short Of Immediate Need

NEW DELHI, Aug. 8. Commenting on Viceroy's statement, the "Hindustan Times" says:

Our complaint is that the Viceroy's statement ignores the great and fundamental change which has come about and which makes it absolutely imperative to form a provisional national Government not only to enable India to take a far more active part in the war than she could under the present Government, but to ensure that, whatever course this war takes, there will be in India a Government based on the consent of the people and possessing their fullest confidence.

The importance of having such a Government both for the intensification of war effort and ensuring that in the uncertain future into which we are entering, there will be a really responsible Government to face the coming perils, has been, we are afraid, imperfectly understood by his Majesty's Government.

That is why we consider that the measures proposed by them fall far short of the immediate needs of the situation.—A. P.

Hopes Of Yunus

PATNA, August 8. Welcoming the Viceroy's announcement as one that would go a long way in removing the present misgivings and suspicions, Mr. Mohd. Yunus, a former interim Prime Minister of Bihar hopes that the Congress party would form national Government instead of party ones in the provinces, where it is in majority.—A. P.

KOLAR STRIKE SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS

MADRAS, Aug. 8. Mr. V. V. Giri, who is now in Madras, is in close touch with the Mysore Government on the question of the strike in the Kolar Gold Fields, which has been going on for about a month now involving 30,000 workers.

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Track Notes At Poona

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MEDDLESOME (Britt), GOLD-EN MANTLE (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. MEDDLESOME finished well.

GANYMEDE (Malone), Stable Companion galloped 6 furlongs on the Monsoon track. GANYMEDE is fit.

FARIS II (Brace) gave satisfaction in 6 furlongs' gallop.

BACHELOR'S BARD (Burn) galloped 6 furlongs. Fair.

HOUDINI (W. Side), MONTE CARLO (R. Boy) galloped 5 furlongs. The former is fit and well.

ARCHMOON (Britt), MARK YOU (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. The former finished on tight rein.

AFTALCN (Evans) galloped 6 furlongs. Fair.

GOLDEN LINK (Marrable), Stable companion galloped 7 furlongs. GOLDEN LINK is in good condition.

FLOOTALOAN (R. Boy) galloped 7 furlongs. Fit and well.

HOW'S THAT (R. Boy), SO THAT'S THAT (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. Fair.

RATHAVON (W. Side), STEP CHILLY (Brace) galloped 6 furlongs. Both are well.

RELIABLE (R. Boy), Stable companion galloped 4 furlongs. RELIABLE was better.

IDAR'S GIFT (Jadhav), RANI TARAMATI (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. The former was better.

OR YEAH (R. Boy), FIFTY-FIFTY (R. Boy) galloped 5 furlongs. The latter was better.

SCION (Brace) galloped 7 furlongs. Well.

BLUE MANTLE (Burn), Stable companion galloped 6 furlongs. BLUE MANTLE is fit and well.

LAKHPAT (Meekings), Stable companion galloped 6 furlongs.

LAKHPAT is very fit.

NEW YORK (Evans) Stable companion galloped 6 furlongs. Watch the former.

LU'AYB (R. Boy), ROBINHOOD (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. The former is very fit.

GREAT MOGUL (R. Boy), Stable companion galloped 6 furlongs. GREAT MOGUL is a useful type.

BRITISH FLAG (Thomson Sur), MAISARA (Thomson Jr.) galloped 5 furlongs. B. FLAG was better.

ATTILA (R. Boy), RABADAN (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. ATILLA was better.

SAIF BAHADUR (W. Side), DIAMOND KING (R. Boy) galloped 6 furlongs. SAIF BAHADUR was better.

SATIRANJAN MEMORIAL SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Week-end Fixtures

The following matches in the Satiranjan Memorial Shield Tournament will be played at the St. Xavier's College ground, Parel, during this week-end:

SATURDAY AUGUST 10.

4-40 p.m. Bombay City Police vs St. Xavier's College 'B'.

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SUNDAY AUGUST 11.

4-40 p.m. R. B. and C. I. Railway vs Royal Indian Navy.

5-40 p.m. St. Xavier's College 'A' vs Y.M.C.A. 'B'.

Sind Finance Minister's Views

KARACHI, Aug. 8.

"The Viceroy's offer should not be rejected without much consideration. If the pronouncement is not upto the mark, the fault is more on our side, than on the side of the British Government or the Viceroy," observed Mr. Shaik Abdul Majid, the Finance Minister of the Sind Government.

He added that "it is still not too late for Indians to meet together and come to an amicable settlement before they called upon the British Government to clarify one or two points, one being whether the Constitution which is to be framed by Indians is to be binding upon the British Government and the second being, whether as a Dominion, India shall have the right to be governed by the Statute of Westminster or not, that is to say whether India will have the right to sever itself from the British Empire."—A. P.

BUT WHAT ABOUT PROVINCES, ASKS SETALVAD

(Continued from Page 10).

acknowledgement that the creation of the machinery for building up within the commonwealth a new constitutional scheme for

Radhakrishnan Sees Advance Over Previous British Attitude

BUT FEARS ABSENCE OF NATIONAL GOVT. AT CENTRE WILL NOT SOLVE DEADLOCK

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.

"The Viceroy's statement deserves serious consideration. It represents a decided advance on the previous British attitude," says Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Benares Hindu University, in the course of a statement on His Excellency the Viceroy's pronouncement.

"On the fundamental question of a Constituent Assembly," continued Sir Sarvapalli, "it accepts the Congress position. The Viceroy, speaking on behalf of His Majesty's Government, admits that the principles of India's constitution must be laid down by Indians. If the British Government is earnest about it. It will transform the British Empire into something nearer what it proposes to be. Its fate depends on its moral strength."

The immediate problem centres round the nature of the Government at the centre. The Congress insists that it should be a national Government consisting of elected representatives and not nominated members, official or non-official. That is the condition precedent to the co-operation of the Congress with the Government of India and the war effort. The Viceroy's offer does not envisage such a Government at the centre. He is prepared to enlarge his present Executive Council by the inclusion of a certain number of representative Indians. If the Congress stands out, and if the other parties willing to co-operate send their representatives to the Viceroy's Executive Council, the situation in the country will not improve. Possibly it may grow worse. By negotiation and reshuffling at the centre, the elected representatives may even now be given a majority of seats and assured that the nominated section will gradually disappear and the Central Government will become truly national in a very short time, say, a year or two. With a majority of elected representatives at the centre, even the nominated Indians may be trusted to work in co-operation with them."

It is proposed that after the war a body representative of the principal elements in India's National Life may be set up to devise the framework of a new constitution. It is suggested that Indian leaders should reach a basis of friendly agreement as to (1) the form the postwar representative body should take and the method by which it should arrive at conclusions (2) principles and outlines of the constitution itself.

WHAT ABOUT PROVINCES? Nothing is said in the announcement as to what is proposed to be done about the provinces. It would be, indeed, very anomalous that while in the Central Government, representative Indians will become members of the Executive Council of the Viceroy, seven of the provinces will be governed by bureaucratic system that prevailed before Morely-Minto reforms. It is very necessary that for the period of the war coalition Governments of various parties should be formed in these provinces. That is possible only if the Congress accepts the coalition proposal. Assuming, however, that the Congress does not agree, I think the present running of the Provincial Governments with official advisers should not continue. It would certainly be an improvement to invite non-officials representing various parties to be advisers to the Governor when there will be at least some approach to the administration of the provinces by popular representatives.

'APPRECIABLE ADVANCE' In my opinion the announcement of the Viceroy does constitute an appreciable advance over the previous proposal. I hope and trust that the Congress and other political bodies will without prejudice to their programmes accept the interim arrangements proposed by the Viceroy. It must be recognised now that the principle of self-determination has in principle been acknowledged. The insistence by the Congress on a declaration of independence for India is, as pointed out on previous occasions, far removed from realities. The present war situation which threatens all liberty and freedom demands that all political controversies should be buried for the moment and all efforts should be directed to the successful termination of the war. India in doing so will be acting in her own self-interest."—A. P.

Rajah Welcomes It

MADRAS, Aug. 8.

Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah, M.L.A., said "on behalf of the depressed classes, I welcome the statement of His Excellency the Viceroy. It is a heartening declaration which should satisfy all practical politicians in the country."

VICEROY HAS AGAIN MISSED THE BUS

BOMBAY, August 8.

Mr. M. C. Chagla, a leader of the Nationalist Muslims, commenting on H. E. the Viceroy's statement said:—

"I am afraid the Viceroy's statement will not satisfy the progressive elements in this country, certainly not the Congress. The Congress demand was twofold—a clear declaration about the future status of this country and immediate and substantial transfer of power to the representatives of the people."

"With regard to the first, Mr. Rajagopalachariar has made it clear that there is no insuperable obstacle in the way of the British Government and Congress agreeing to a formula which would satisfy both the parties."

"But the rub lies in the immediate transfer of power to the people's representatives. There I find the statement extremely disappointing. The Viceroy proposes to expand his council which would continue to function within the frame work of the present constitution. It will neither be National or responsible Government. It will be the same old irresponsible executive with a little sprinkling of Indian element."

"There is not even a suggestion that India will have any voice in the Defence of her country. I am afraid the Viceroy has again missed the bus."

I sincerely hope that the Muslims of India will not allow themselves to be made scapegoats for the purpose of creating a breach in the National ranks of the country. Either we should have a National Government in which Muslims will play their legitimate part or we allow the Viceroy to carry on without us as he has been doing all these years."—A. P.

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Reactions To Viceroy's Statement

It Is For Congress Cabinet To Decide

Mahatma Declines To Make Statement: Azad Postpones It Till After Interview With Viceroy

CALCUTTA, August 8.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, approached for his comments on the Viceroy's statement, said that as he was in communication with the Viceroy, who had invited him for an interview either at Bombay or Delhi between August 11 and 20, he would not like to make any comment until later.

Gandhiji declined to make any comment on the Viceroy's statement when interviewed at Wardha. It would be presumptuous on his part, he told the Associated Press, to do so, after having completely withdrawn from the Congress.

EXPANSION OF VICEROY'S COUNCIL

(From Our Correspondent.)

SIMLA, August 8.

The statement by the Viceroy has caused no surprise in Simla. Anticipations all along had been that the Viceroy would not go beyond the old offer of expansion of the Executive Council and the constitution of a War Advisory Council.

One finds the principle of national Government, even in the limited sense that the reconstituted Cabinet should be such as to enjoy the confidence of the elected elements in the Central Legislature—is not even mentioned in the Viceroy's statement.

No number is given of the proposed additions of Viceroy's Council.

Talks here, however, suggest that they will be at least four—with a possibility of increase to six in order to include such other interests as may be found necessary.

As previously indicated new portfolios will be found by splitting the Commerce and Labour Departments by separating the Supply from the Legislative and by raising an Information Department to full fledged membership and by having a Defence Counsellor to direct the activities of the War Advisory Council.

One significant change in the phraseology used by the Viceroy has attracted some attention in Simla. In his February statement the Viceroy offered to "include a certain number of representatives of the political parties". To-day's statement, however, says that he has been authorised to invite certain number of "representative Indians".

The change is significant as the present wording suggests that the Viceroy may instead of asking the political parties to nominate representatives may take upon himself the responsibility of appointing such people as he considers "representative Indians"—though he may ask such organizations as will agree to send a panel of names for his consideration.

Both on this question and others the Viceroy's statement is vague as evidently it is his intention to discuss the matter further during interviews with

Charter To Intransigence, Says Sastri

Is Show To Be Run By Viceroy's Nominees? Asks Setalvad

Liberals See Advance In Viceroy's Statement, But Demand Clarification

SASTRI DEMANDS TIME LIMIT

MADRAS, August 8.

An earnest request to Congress leaders to "forget prestige and consistency, ignore the lack of imaginative foresight on the part of the Government and reward the love and trust of the people by active protection which they (the Congress) alone can give", is made by the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri in the course of an interview on the Viceroy's statement.

Asking the Congress to seize the reins of power everywhere and by active assistance militate the trials and tribulations that await the Indian people, Mr. Sastri declares that a negative policy of abstention and Non-Co-operation must be abandoned in acute situations like this.

Regretting that the Viceroy's statement has not made it easy for the Congress to change its policy, he asks why a time limit should not have been laid down regarding bringing into operation Dominion Status. He also feels there could have been no difficulty in making the Central Government into a Government responsible to the legislature.

While welcoming as "a decided advance" the declaration regarding the framing of a new constitution, Mr. Sastri regards that the paragraph relating to minorities rights is liable to be interpreted as a 'Charter to intransigence'.

The renewed promise of Dominion Status paraphrased by the expression 'free and equal partnership in British Commonwealth' is welcome. This satisfaction, however, is qualified by the terms of the paragraph relating to minorities.

Government undertake to re-examine not only the provisions of the Act of 1935 but the policy and plans on which it is based and rule out 'any system of Government whose authority is directly denied by large and powerful elements in India's national life'.

These words are liable to be interpreted as a charter to intransigence. Are obstructionists to have an ultimate veto? The advocates of Pakistan and enemies of democracy cannot be allowed, when the world after the war is being reorganised in the interest of democracy, to keep India from the blessings of

'APPRECIABLE ADVANCE'

Sir Chimanlal in an interview said:—"The announcement made by the Viceroy can be summarised under certain heads:—The first is that a certain number of representative Indians are to be invited to join the Executive Council of the Viceroy.

It is not made clear, however, whether these representative Indians will be selected by the Viceroy or whether the various major political organisations will be asked to nominate their representatives for appointment by the Viceroy. If the choice of the persons is to be entirely in the hands of the Viceroy, the representative character of the persons appointed is sure to be questioned.

The second proposal is to set up a war advisory council including representatives of states and other interests in the National Life of India as a whole. Again the question arises with whom the selection of these representatives will rest.

The third point is that at the end of the war, the question of the future constitution of India will be investigated. Such investigation would not exclude the examination of any part either of the Act of 1935 or of the policy and plans on which it is based. This is a clear indication that the original position taken up by the British Government is modified by agreeing to reconsideration of the whole plan and policy on which the Act of 1935 was based.

The next important thing is the (Continued on page 9, col. 3)

'THREE VALUABLE FEATURES'

CALCUTTA, Aug. 8.

Sir N. N. Sircar, a former Law Member of the Government of India, welcomes as most valuable three features of the Viceroy's statement, namely, that communal unity has not been made a condition precedent to constitutional advance, a War Advisory Council is now to be set up, and that the forum to be established for helping in the decision of constitutional issues "will be a body representative of the principal elements in India's national life."

Having regard to the direction of world forces, and the strength of ruthless aggressors, he considered it extremely lucky that India is part of a strong Empire. But, contends Sir N. N. Sircar, if India desires severance, she will have the means and opportunity of attaining complete independence while a mere pious declaration of right in no way helps in reaching this goal.

He expresses the hope that they will respond whole-heartedly to the Viceroy's announcement.

The alternative is to continue to remain in the wilderness, to continue bluff and bargaining for securing some face-saving formula, which will help in undoing the mistake of resignation of Ministers and to continue to convey covert threats of Satyagraha, realising all the time that Satyagraha will lead neither to complete independence nor to Dominion Status, and that the movement started in the present atmosphere, will soon degenerate into communal fights.

Fulay's Advice To Congress

NAGPUR, Aug. 8.

Mr. Fulay, Secretary of the Provincial Trade Union Congress, in a statement to the Press, observes:—"The Congress should now at least reconsider its barren policy and accept responsibility to help the common cause against the Nazi tyranny. There is an explicit guarantee of Dominion Status and that should satisfy all the nationalist elements in the country."—United Press.

Jamnadas Wants Dominion Status Without 'But' Or 'If'

Hindu Sabha Desires Mention Of Specific Time: Jinnah Keeps Mum:

That it was impossible to look upon the Viceroy's statement as an improvement in any way upon the Orient Club speech or as a pronouncement that could satisfy the Congress demands, was the opinion expressed in Congress circles of Bombay including the Leftist circles.

A prominent Congressman belonging to the Rightist group said that the proposed extension of the Viceroy's Executive Council could never be a substitute for a National Government, the granting of which as demanded by the Congress would have proved the 'bona fides' of the British Government. The declaration that the British Government will "most readily assent to the setting up, after the conclusion of the war, of a body representative of the principal elements in India's National Life" for devising the framework of the new constitution, was vague and capable of many interpretations.

A prominent Congressman observed that it was impossible to know in advance as to what interpretation would be put by the British Government on the words—representatives of the principal elements in India's National Life. Congress circles also hold the view that there is an attempt on the part of British statesmen to isolate the Congress from the rest of the parties.

Inadequate

Interviewed by the "Bombay Chronicle", Mr. Jamnadas Mehta said:—

"The Viceroy's appreciation of the Indian sentiment regarding the war is quite accurate. India stands by democracy and freedom and will be eternally opposed to totalitarian statecraft. At the same time the statement of the Viceroy is not adequate to call for the best endeavour of India on the side of Britain."

The statement is not much of an advance on the speech made by the Viceroy in Bombay at the Orient Club on the 10th of May last.

The extension of the Governor General's Executive Council and the establishment of a Consultative Committee for war purposes are no doubt steps in the right direction. But what India is keen about is what the future holds for her. And on that issue the Viceroy's statement is somewhat vague. What should have been made clear beyond doubt is couched in the language of utmost caution and is therefore unlikely to carry conviction.

On the other hand the emphasis laid on the questions of minority, Princes and vested British interests is out of all proportion to their merits and is sure to create suspicion that even after the war, the establishment of Dominion Status, let alone complete independence, is coupled with many reservations, and is therefore shorn of its value. I consider that the minority drum is being beaten rather too loudly. Nationalist circles, whether inside or outside the Congress, while giving every credit to the Viceroy for his sincerity will insist on a larger and clearer elucidation of the constitutional status of India at the end of the war. Nothing that does not ensure unalloyed Dominion Status without a "but" or "if" can secure India's hearty co-operation."

No Advancement

Mr. K. F. Nariman said:—"There is no advancement on what has already been said regarding India's future."

The statement of the Viceroy contains only a few more details of the declarations made by him previously. But I do not think these details will in any way

satisfy the Congress demands."

A prominent member of the Hindu Mahasabha said that the statement was not quite satisfactory. In the first place, there was no time limit fixed for the granting of Dominion Status and secondly the minority question is still being made much of.

The idea of a War Advisory Committee was welcome but regarding the expansion of the Viceroy's Executive Council, the number of additional members had not been specified.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, declined to comment on the Viceroy's statement. He said that the Working Committee of the Muslim League would be summoned shortly to consider the pronouncement carefully.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas also declined to express his views.

PATNA, Aug. 8.

The Government of Bihar prescribed the pamphlet in Hindi entitled "Bharatiya Sankhpad" edited and published by Mr. Tribhubhan Nath 'Azad' Chhapra under the Criminal Procedure Code—A. P.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

A fascinating publication in the form of a fortnightly review of China and the Far East is "The Tribune". The June edition contains several attractive features—perhaps the most attractive is an article on "The Definition of Friendship and Other Terms" by a student of International Politics. The magazine is also of considerable documentary value. "Diplomatic Relations in 1880-85", which is based on E. V. G. Kierman's book "British Diplomacy in China 1880-85" is also of special interest to students of the subject.

The Principal of the Dadar School for the Blind is to give an extensive course in the work and education of the Blind. It is the first of its kind in Western India. The dire need for trained workers for the Blind cannot be over-emphasised. Among the topics which will be touched upon will be "what the public should know about handicapped people; the human eye; the causes of blindness." It is a first class idea and it should have a great response from those desiring to help.

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Overheard in court—Counsel: "Are you a gentleman at large?" Witness: "Yes in a small way."

There is likely to be an exodus from Bombay to Poona for the opening of the Poona season. This year a great deal of general interest centres round the Governor's Cup, on which several institutions are running sweepstakes in aid of the War Fund. I have already received two booklets—from the Simla Rifles Club and the Cricket Club of India.

Lord Linlithgow's statement on British policy is perhaps the most disappointing utterance of all times. It is not Galsworthy who said about the English—give them time?

Exploits Of Charlie Chan

